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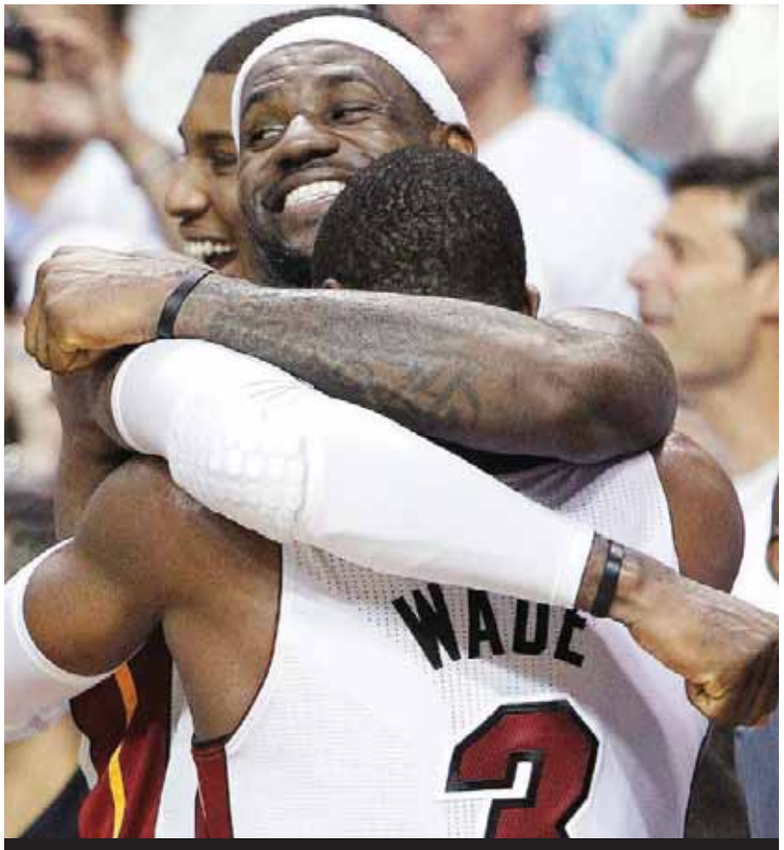

HEAT TAKE NBA TITLE

Miami Heat small forward LeBron James and shooting guard Dwyane Wade react in the final moments during the second half of Game 5 of the NBA finals against the Oklahoma City Thunder on Thursday in Miami. The Heat won 121-106 to become the 2012 NBA champions. LYNNE SLADKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nearly double caught evading transit fares

Enforcement. Calgary Transit task force aims to crack down on 4.5 per cent of riders who refuse to pay

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A $3 fare or a $250 ticket?

That dilemma is becoming more of a reality for fare-evading commuters as Calgary Transit's security branch ramps up enforcement, warning of stiffer penalties to come for those caught.

"Compliance from riders is our goal, and we have done a number of things over the past couple of months to achieve that goal," said Calgary Transit safety co-ordinator Brian Whitelaw.

In mid-April, CT launched a team of seven enforcers who work during peak-travel hours five days a week to ensure commuters are paying to ride the LRT and buses.

Whitelaw said nearly double as many fare evaders have been caught since the team's inception. If the task force maintains this pace, the number of overall tickets issued will rise to 27,000, up from 15,000 in 2011.

As well, a report is being finalized for city council that recommends boosting the fine for fare evasion to between $200 and 250, a dramatic hike from the $100 charge in place since 2006.

Ald. Gord Lowe said it's important that all users pay for a system already operating under tight constraints.

"Transit seems to be taking the issue of fare evasion seriously," he added.

Calgary Transit estimates about 4.5 per cent of riders don't pay.

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Just the ticket

Motivated less by money than by a sense of outrage over traffic fines, these everyday citizens will fight your ticket so you don't have to

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One alderman is hoping to streamline services provided by Calgary's 3-1-1. METRO FILE

City alderman calling for streamlining to 3-1-1 service

Council. Ald. Demong will bring forward a notice of motion Monday

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Service requests coming in and out of Calgary's 3-1-1 call centre could be streamlined with more communication between the city's business units, according to one alderman.

After fielding some calls regarding requests made to 3-1-1 in his ward office, Ald. Peter Demong said he noticed a lack of efficiency in the service.

"It's not that we're getting so many calls, it's the reason that we're getting the calls in the first place," said Demong.

"3-1-1 is our nerve centre, it's our main integration with the citizens of the city and whatever we can do to make it easier for the citizens to interact with the city, from my point of view, is always a good thing."

Demong is proposing a task force be created to help deal with streamlining how service requests are handled in each unit — a proposal that's welcomed by the director of customer service and communications.

Cindy Pickett said roughly 94 per cent of the more than 500,000 service requests issued through 3-1-1 are handled on time.

"It's our desire to improve the other six per cent by reviewing the procedures," she said.

Demong said along with better communication, he would like to see data from 3-1-1 utilized in a broader way.

"I expect that a number of different departments would welcome this kind of information," he said.

"Everybody wants to do better, I truly believe that, and it's a matter of not knowing where some of the pitfalls are and if you can mine that information and say, 'Well, here's where we're having a problem,' let's fix this problem."

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Plan of action

- Should council approve Ald. Demong's notice of motion, a plan of action would come back in November.
- The task force would be made up of one alderman, a member of the mayor's team and officials from several business units.
- 3-1-1 has been in use since 2005.

New approach. Parents ticked over Catholic school's honour-roll policy

Parents of kids attending at least one city Catholic school are crying foul over a new policy concerning honour-roll celebrations.

A note from the principal at Ecole Madeleine d'Houet junior high school that was provided to Metro outlines the new approach to recognizing students scoring top grades.

"In an attempt to promote intrinsic reward to eliminate disappointment (and emotions) on the part of certain students, we are choosing to recognize our honour students ... in a quieter manner by means of an honour certificate," it reads.

In previous years, the school hosted an honour-roll tea or celebration of some sort. The new policy stirred debate among a number of parents on social media.

"What's next? Eliminate report cards?" said one parent, who requested her name be withheld to protect her child. "You know (students) are bound to be disappointed and emotional about their grades."

Some parents pointed out that athletic accomplishments are still publicly celebrated at the school through intercom announcements and a trophy case on display in the front lobby.

Calgary Catholic School District spokesperson Janet Corsten said each school determines how to best recognize its honour-roll students, and indicated Ecole Madeleine d'Houet's approach is uncommon.

But the statement from the school's principal suggests otherwise.

"While we realize there are still schools who are holding awards/honours ceremonies, please note that the trend is for junior high schools in our district to eliminate honour-roll and award celebrations."

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Spills bad for Alberta pipeline image: Industry boss

Canada's pipeline boss says he expects two recent leaks in Alberta will provide ammunition to opponents of the Keystone XL and Northern Gateway projects.

An Enbridge pumping station spilled 230,000 litres of heavy crude near Elk Point northeast of Edmonton last Monday. And a pipeline owned by Plains Midstream Canada leaked up to 475,000 litres of light sour crude into the Red Deer River in central Alberta on June 7.

Industry figures show at least 3.4 million litres of hydrocarbons have leaked from pipelines in the province every year since 2005.

That is likely something that environmental groups trying to stop both projects will latch on to, suggests Doug Bloom, chairman of the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association and president of Spectra Energy.

"I think any kind of incident, no matter how small, is going to be picked up by those who are going to oppose any kind of energy development, and they'll try and use it as a rationale for not doing it," Bloom said Thursday after attending a Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

"Any spill right now is going to be bad timing. There's such a focus now with Gateway and with Keystone XL and other projects going through regulatory review. Any time there's any kind of an incident no matter how large or how small, it's going to be prominent."

Bloom said gone are the days when pipeline companies rarely made the news and operated "under the radar."

"Over the last year or two, like it or not, we seem to find ourselves prominent in the news and in some cases for the wrong reasons."

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Everyday citizens fight traffic tickets for others on the cheap

Courtroom stand-ins. Defence agent says service provided by untrained individuals is unreliable

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Some Calgarians with little or no legal training have taken to negotiating traffic-ticket deals for strangers at heavily reduced fees. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

With bundles of traffic tickets in their hands, a group of 15 to 20 independent Calgarians with no legal or law-enforcement training venture to court every week to negotiate deals on behalf of strangers.

Many do it for rates hundreds of dollars cheaper than those charged by local traffic-ticket-defence agencies or law firms.

Some will even fight the smaller tickets, like $85 photo radar infractions, for free.

"We provide a service," explained Jas Dhillon, who charges $15 per ticket regardless of the deal he works out with a judge. "People are too busy to do this, so we do it for them."

Traffic-court judges will typically reduce the cost of a ticket and number of demerits issued to drivers who arrive at court on their scheduled date to plead their case. That process though, can often take hours, Dhillon said, between five and seven clients each week turn to him to sit in their place.

Nevertheless, both Dhillon and fellow ticket negotiator Sam Osman admit their service does come with its detractors — namely from pricier competition.

Because of this, both were reluctant to provide contact information for publication and declined to have their photographs taken. Osman's service is advertised on Kijiji and Dhillon posts signs with his phone number to city lampposts.

Stewart Dixon, a 15-year traffic-ticket-defence agent who collaborates with law-enforcement partners and claims to have never missed a court date, offered some insight on why some view the trade as shady.

"Some people who can't afford my services will turn to these guys, pay them, but then they never show up in court," he said. "Then there's a warrant issued, or you are convicted in absence.... Bottom line: You get what you pay for." But despite Dixon's objections, Osman said demand for his service has grown to 15 clients per week in just a year's time.

Ticket-trade players

- Calgary's Jas Dhillon admits he hasn't made a great deal of money through his court efforts to date, but he's using the experience as part of his studies to eventually become a lawyer
- Sam Osman became interested in helping others fight traffic tickets after paying what he calls a "ridiculous" $500 fine for running a red light.

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PROBLEM WITH PARKING IS US

IN DEFENCE OF
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While I try to be mostly positive in this column, it's sometimes hard to ignore the fact that this city does have its share of villains and frustrations.

There are bullies disguised as politicians; the people who share their life stories while talking on the C-Train; and, of course, the Calgary Parking Authority. Yes, those who spend their days driving around in the Chevy Colts handing out tickets as if they were cowboy hats.

But recently I've had a change of heart towards the CPA. I mean, at some point somebody has to do something about a city full of people who don't know how to park, right?

After moving to a new apartment where local parking is at a premium, I've recently become aware of Calgarians' parking struggles. Every day, as I circle the same blocks looking for somewhere to park, I've become overwhelmed with the selfishness we sometimes exercise when it comes to something as simple as parking a car.

After only a few weeks, I've seen it all: There's the car that could have moved forward to make an extra spot but chose not to. And then there's the truck that's too big and is taking up at least six different spots. And what about the minivan that tried to parallel park but gave up halfway?

For those of us who like to live, work or shop in Calgary's core, trying to find a place to park is enough to pull out your hair. Or, in my case, write fake tickets to bad parkers. While I'm not necessarily proud of it, I've become a hybrid of my nagging note-writing mother and a parking-authority employee, leaving gentle reminders for those who might need advice on the etiquette of parking.

It's easy to paint the parking authority as villains, and let's be clear, I don't think they are completely innocent. But more often than not, I've begun to appreciate how frustrating it must be to spend your day writing tickets, just because people are either being stupid or lazy. That feeling that I get when I leave a note on someone's windshield reminding them to try and be a reasonable human being, is so fulfilling.

I can only imagine how good it must feel to be able to write a $75 ticket.

See, this is what I'm talking about. MIKE MORRISON/FOR METRO

Jon Lam, above, along with his brother Tom have a made-in-Calgary way for you to get style tips for the clothes already in your closet. ALICIA GERRIOR/FOR METRO

Worried about what to wear? Calgary app styles you

New app. Never worry about what to wear again with StyleYou

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Have you ever thought, "Ugh, I have nothing to wear" while looking at your closet? Calgarian Rachel Looten did until she came across a new Calgary-designed fashion app, StyleYou.

Quoted

"The app is on a picture view: it's your clothes, it's telling you what looks good and what doesn't look good — it's the Clueless app."

Jon Lam, co-founder of StyleYou

"I was getting bored and felt like I was always putting the same outfits together," said Looten.

StyleYou got her out of her fashion rut.

"It allowed to me to have a more creative and bolder sense of style," Looten said of the app.

StyleYou is the closet from the movie Clueless and a celebrity stylist all wrapped into one. The app, started by Calgarians Jon and Tom Lam, creates a virtual library of your clothes and gives you outfit recommendations from the city's top stylists.

"(Our stylists) are experts at matching what's already in your wardrobe. You don't even have to shop and you're getting completely new outfits," said Lam.

"The visual aspect helped me pick up little fashion and styling tips on how to make certain patterns, fabrics and styles work together and still look funky and fashionable," Looten said.

The app is currently only available on iPhones, but Lam said he's working on bringing StyleYou to Android devices and the web.

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Banff-based NFB web doc claims prestigious award

Excellence. Bear 71 is a National Film Board of Canada interactive production.

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The story of a grizzly bear in the Alberta Rockies, as told in a very unique way, has been recognized internationally for its creativity.

On Thursday, Bear 71, co-created by Canmore filmmaker Leanne Allison, was awarded the Gold Cyber Lion at the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity for its design work.

Using footage from surveillance cameras throughout Banff National Park, Bear 71 follows the lifespan of a female bear from the time she was collared at the age of three.

"I've always been fascinated with (surveillance cameras) because they're different," said Allison. "They're grainy, black and white, there's no one behind the lens framing the image. It felt to me like you're really just capturing nature in the moment."

Bear 71, however, is not a standard documentary that would be seen on the big screen, but rather an online, interactive experience that allows the viewer to play a part in the storytelling.

One of the films producers, Edmontonian Bonnie Thompson of the National Film Board of Canada, said this is the way documentary filmmaking is headed, and to be recognized with such a prestigious award proves that.

"I see it as a positive evolution in story telling."

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Film facts

- The Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity is in its 59th year.
- More than 28,000 submissions are entered into the awards every year.
- To view Bear 71, go to bear71.nfb.ca.

The interactive documentary Bear 71, shown in this screen capture, was awarded a Gold Cyber Lion Thursday for its design. SCREENGRAB

Mexico beating victim's recovery may only be half over

Calgary's Sheila Nabb is seen with her husband Andrew Nabb in this undated photo. METRO FILE

It's been six months since every bone in her face was broken during a vicious attack at a Mexican resort, but it appears Sheila Nabb's recovery is far from over.

According to her boss and close family friend, Dr. David Peterson, who has served as a spokesperson of sorts since the vicious attack on the 37-year-old Calgarian, Nabb will likely not return to work at local clinic Active Back to Health for three to six months.

"You can't really set expectations with something like this," Peterson said. "No one knew what recovering from this would be like."

Husband Andrew Nabb, who was asleep in the couple's resort suite when his wife was attacked in a nearby elevator, has only recently returned to work, taking time to help his wife through operations and difficult recovery, Peterson said, adding that Sheila remains upbeat given her circumstances, even popping by for visits on occasion.

"It's great to see her doing so well," Peterson said. "We can't thank the people enough who have supported her through this."

The Nabbs have declined to speak publicly since the attack. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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- $43,000 has been raised for Nabb's recovery to date

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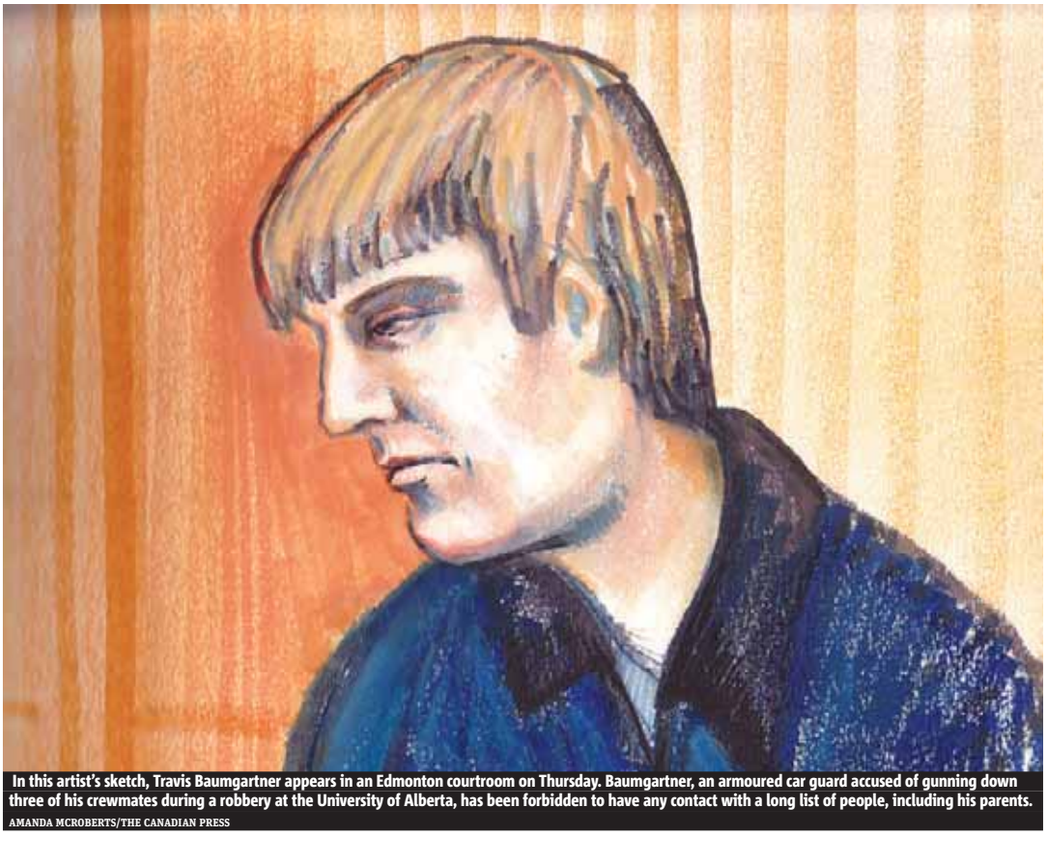
Accused in armoured shootings not allowed to contact parents

Murder charge. The chief Crown prosecutor says most people on no-contact list are expected to be witnesses



In this artist's sketch, Travis Baumgartner appears in an Edmonton courtroom on Thursday. Baumgartner, an armoured car guard accused of gunning down three of his crewmates during a robbery at the University of Alberta, has been forbidden to have any contact with a long list of people, including his parents.
AMANDA MCROBERTS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

An armoured car guard accused of gunning down three of his crewmates during a robbery at the University of Alberta has been forbidden to have any contact with a long list of people, including his parents.

Most of the people on the no-contact list are expected to be witnesses, said chief Crown prosecutor Steve Bilodeau, who handled Baumgartner's brief court appearance personally.

"It's actually a pretty routine order with important witnesses," Bilodeau said outside court. "While he's in remand, he can't phone them or contact them in any way."

The order also includes several of Baumgartner's friends and co-workers, as well as any employee of G4S Canada, the security company that he was working for at the time of the robbery.

Police say Baumgartner, 21, was one of five armed guards who were loading a bank machine at the university's HUB mall and residence just after midnight June 15 when shots rang out.

Eddie Rejano, 39, Michelle Shegelski, 26, and Brian Ilesic, 35, died.

Matthew Schuman, a fourth guard who was badly wounded, opened his eyes last weekend and squeezed his wife's hand before he slipped back into unconsciousness. He remains in critical condition with what have been described as head injuries.

Baumgartner faces charges of first-degree murder, attempted murder and robbery with a firearm, but didn't enter a plea Thursday.

He wore the standard blue prison jumpsuit and was handcuffed. Security in the courtroom included four guards. The normal complement is two.

More than a dozen onlookers filed out of the courtroom after Baumgartner's brief appearance, but no friends or family appear to have been there.

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Pilot project

Drugs tests coming for oil-patch workers

Three major oil companies in Alberta will be randomly testing workers for drugs and alcohol.

Suncor Energy, Canadian Natural Resources and Total E&P Canada are participating in the two-year pilot project starting this fall. Project spokeswoman Pat Atkins says the companies have had drug and alcohol policies in place for the past decade.

But they are still finding drug paraphernalia at work camps and plant sites, and want better results. Atkins says if a worker tests positive, he or she will be assessed to see if they have an addiction and, if needed, will be offered treatment and a plan to return to work. Unions say the random tests are an invasion of privacy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stranded

Two rescued from Harvie Passage

Two young men were rescued by Calgary firefighters after becoming stranded on rocks in the Harvie Passage on the Bow River late Thursday afternoon.

According to fire officials, the pair's raft got stuck in drop No. 3 around 5:30 p.m. Thursday and the men, who were wearing life jackets, were able to make it midstream to wait for help. Two jet boats were launched and they retrieved the duo, returning them to shore. Neither person suffered injuries, according to fire officials. METRO

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"Wholesale buyers will be represented to take trade-ins during the sale," Mr. Holst said. "We also have three business managers who will help buyers arrange low-cost financing. We've got over $10 Million Dollars in inventory to choose from. Our total inventory will be close to 400 new and used cars and trucks. We want to remind everyone that this is a one-day sale only. When our inventory has been reduced, we will remove the sale prices and return to normal operations. Since we are a local business we would like to give back to the community," Mr. Holst said. "We would rather allow local people to buy these overstocked vehicles than wholesale them at an auction." All cars will be reduced every hour and then there will be 6 cars that will be reduced every hour until they get to $1. These special $1 sale cars are in a separate section at the front of the dealership. Due to the volume of sales during this event, please no telephone inquiries.

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The family-friendly festival costs $5 admission, while kids can enjoy the festivities and an allocated kids zone for free.

In true Greek tradition, attendees will enjoy Greek food, a Greek band and dancers ranging from Greek to Cuban to belly performances.

For more information on this weekend's Greek Festival, go to calgaryhellenic.com/greek-festival. METRO

Warning

Stay off Calgary waterways: City

The City of Calgary is once again reminding Calgarians to avoid boating activities on the Bow and Elbow Rivers over the weekend due to significant rain in the forecast.

According to the city, the anticipated rainfall may contribute to already rapid river flow and debris, and can be hazardous to anyone wanting to navigate the river. METRO

Search. Police search for truck driver in alleged hit-and-run fatality

RCMP is searching for the driver of a pickup truck allegedly responsible for the hit-and-run fatality of a 51-year-old Beiseker woman.

A dark blue 2005 Dodge Ram truck travelling southbound collided with a northbound Nissan Pathfinder in the early hours of Thursday.

The RCMP is investigating the whereabouts of the unknown pickup driver, who fled the scene before witnesses and emergency crews arrived.

The suspect is believed to have suffered head and chest injuries.

Victim

51

The age of the female victim in an alleged hit-and-run fatality on Thursday.

Police have not yet released the identity of the woman who was killed. Beiseker Mayor Ray Courtman said the victim was well-known and respected in her community.

Anyone with information is asked to call RCMP. METRO

Jennifer Tiwana, 23, said her haircut is an expression of her uniqueness. "It's different and cool, and I want to do crazy things before I turn old," said Tiwana. ALICIA GERRIOR/FOR METRO

Skrillex 'do is the buzz of Calgary

All the rage. Dubstep DJ's iconic hairstyle is becoming increasingly popular, say salons

ALICIA GERRIOR
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Skrillex, the DJ who brought dubstep to the masses, is now setting a new trend — in the salon — and it's popping up all over Calgary.

His famed hairstyle, dubbed the "Skrillex," can be seen on celebrities like Rihanna, Avril Lavigne and Ke$ha. It's even mentioned in a song — Girl, You Got Skrillex Hair — which is racking up views on YouTube.

The cut — a buzz on one side of the head, long hair on the other — is making its way onto Calgary streets.

The diss

"It seems like it's shaping up to the be the hairdo of the summer despite the fact that it is totally ugly and it leaves people looking like they're recovering from a brain tumor."

Tracie Egan Morrissey in the Jezebel article Crappy Trendspotting: Skrillex Hair

Red Bloom Salon owner Troy Winget said he's seen an increase in customers requesting the style and that many of the stylists at his salon rock the do as well, but with a twist.

"Sometimes we shave it and do what's called hair tattooing, they actually put designs into it," he said.

Winget said that it's mostly art students and those who work in the restaurant industry that come to him for the cut.

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Lost custody. Obese dad to go on hunger strike

An Ottawa man who lost custody of his two kids partly due to being overweight said he will go on a hunger strike Friday on Parliament Hill to strike back at the Children's Aid Society (CAS).

In an Ontario Superior Court ruling Wednesday, Justice Martin James said the 38-year-old man's boys, aged four and six, would be given up for adoption and live apart from each other.

"(The father's) weight-loss regime is itself a full-time job," the ruling said.

The ruling also claimed that he played online video games for hours on end and tends to be "combative when people don't agree with him."

Major factor

The father's weight was mentioned several times in the 33-page ruling and was a "major factor" in the judge's decision, the man said.

- He weighs about 360 pounds and was at 520 pounds at his heaviest.

"I'm going to go on an international stage and expose this and my children will know what their father's done for them," the father said. "I hope I get to appeal and disprove all of this." JOE LOFARO/METRO IN OTTAWA

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School on lockdown after black bear evades officers

A Victoria school was put on lockdown for about two hours Wednesday afternoon, as conservation officers searched for a black bear. The animal had been hit by a pickup truck on the Island Highway earlier that morning and ran into a wooded area close to Eagle View Elementary. School staff were told to keep the children inside because injured bears can be unpredictable, said a conservation officer. After struggling to locate the bear in the thick brush, officers called in the hounds and they were able to spot it as it ran from the dogs. It appeared to be uninjured. ELIZABETH HAMES/METRO IN VICTORIA

Video of bullied woman spurs Toronto man to fundraise for her vacation

Outpouring of support. Indiegogo.com has raised more than $250,000 US for the grandmother of eight

A viral video of a school bus monitor in New York state being bullied by four middle schoolers prompted a Toronto man to launch a fundraiser to send the woman on vacation.

"I felt deeply sad for Karen," said Max Sidorov, who launched a project on the fundraising website Indiegogo.com. "I had some issues with bullying myself when I was a young kid and had just come to Canada, so I know where she's coming from."

The taunting and verbal abuse of the bus monitor was captured in a 10-minute cellphone video recorded by one of the students and posted to YouTube. It shows Karen Klein, 68, trying her best to ignore the stream of profanity, insults and outright threats directed at her. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Making the bus monitor cry" has racked up more than 1.5-million views

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'More respectful'

Parents should punish boys: Victim

Meanwhile, Karen Klein has told police she does not want the boys to face criminal charges. She said she is happy with the swift and strong community response against the verbal attack aboard a Greece Central School District bus, authorities said Thursday.

Criminally charging the boys, all seventh-graders, would require their conduct to rise to the level of a crime, Greece police Capt. Steve Chatterton said. So far, it has not been found to reach that level.

Klein said she hoped the boys' parents would view the video of the attack and talk to their children about being "a little more respectful." Parents of all four boys are co-operating fully and say their children will be punished, Chatterton said.

By Thursday morning, the video had been viewed more than 1.5 million times on YouTube. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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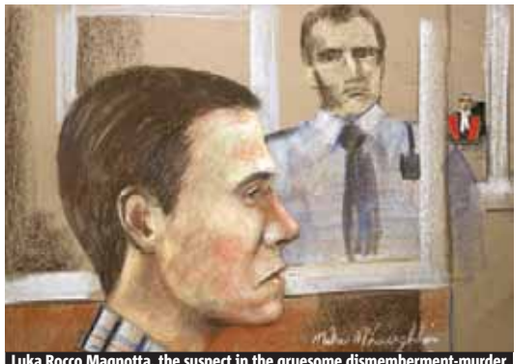
Accused body-parts killer Magnotta gets trial by jury

Court appearance. Suspect declines psychiatric evaluation, will face preliminary hearing in March 2013



Luka Rocco Magnotta, the suspect in the gruesome dismemberment-murder of Jun Lin, is seen in court in an artist's drawing on Thursday in Montreal.
MIKE MCLAUGHLIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Luka Rocco Magnotta made a brief, surprise appearance in a Montreal courtroom Thursday to tie up a few loose ends in his case before vanishing from public view until early 2013.

The accused body-parts killer had court dates set for early next year and was told he will face a preliminary hearing next March where part of the evidence against him will be heard.

Magnotta, charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of Chinese student Jun Lin, 33, has opted for a trial in front of a jury.

He asked that he receive medication while incarcerated.

And he introduced his team of three lawyers, including a lead attorney from Toronto. That lawyer did not ask for a psychiatric evaluation, contrary to what one of his colleagues suggested earlier in the week.

There was one other surprise twist Thursday: Magnotta appeared in court in person. Authorities had hinted that the 29-year-old murder suspect would appear by video link, as he had at his first court appearance earlier this week.

While Magnotta looked sleepy, he appeared to follow the proceedings attentively.

His lead defence attorney, Luc Leclair, made a brief statement at the end of the hearing.

"Mr. Magnotta waived his rights to extradition because he wanted to come back to Montreal," Leclair said, without taking any questions.

"He trusts the Canadian judicial system."

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Luc Leclair

Tory lawyer to defend Magnotta

So who will defend Luka Rocco Magnotta — the man accused of mailing body parts to the Conservative Party of Canada? Ironically, it will be a Conservative.

Toronto lawyer Luc Leclair, who has worked on campaigns for several prominent Conservatives, will represent Magnotta.

He worked with Defence Minister Peter MacKay, in his bid for the Progressive Conservative leadership in 2003; with Belinda Stronach, when she ran for the leadership of the new federal party against Prime Minister Stephen Harper; and with John Tory, the former leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservatives.

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Killer. Homolka now a mother of three living in Guadeloupe: Ebook

Karla Homolka is interviewed by Radio-Canada in Montreal on July 4, 2005, hours after her release from jail following a 12-year term for the deaths of two teenage girls in Ontario.
RADIO CANADA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

She horrified the country with her role in the torture and killing of Ontario school girls two decades ago, now she has three children of her own.

Years after her case gripped the country, Karla Homolka has been found living in the Caribbean under a different name with a husband and three young children.

The details of her life after 12 years in prison are detailed in an 46-page ebook by journalist Paula Todd, titled "Finding Karla."

In the early 1990s, Homolka and her then-husband, Paul Bernardo, were convicted of crimes related to the rape and murder of two schoolgirls, Kristen French and Leslie Mahaffy.

While Bernardo went on to be sentenced to life in prison, Homolka struck a deal with prosecutors in 1993 to serve 12 years in prison for manslaughter.

Little has been known about Homolka's life since she was released from prison in 2005.

For Todd, that lack of information drove her to figure out what had become of the notorious killer ever since she walked free.

Online research for a book about the life of released criminals led her to blog reports of Homolka teaching children in the Caribbean - reports Todd later found were false, but they were a starting point for a deeper search.

After mining the Internet for any scrap of information she could find, Todd decided to follow an obscure lead that led her to the island of Guadeloupe in May. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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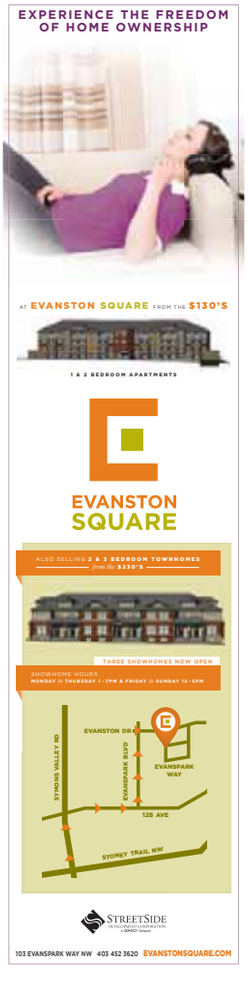
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ZipZone Naked 100.
B.C. women go naked ziplining to raise money

It's hard enough to drop your inhibitions before climbing into a zipline harness. Now, imagine dropping your pants.

An organizer in Peachland, B.C., says that's exactly what nearly 100 women are expected to do Thursday as they take part in a charity event to raise money for breast-cancer research.

Kevin Bennett says the women are participating in the ZipZone Naked 100, careening for more than half a kilometre down a cable, suspended 100 metres above the ground, in hopes of raising $20,000 for breast cancer research.

Donate, but no looking

- Supporters are welcome to donate to the cause, but they can't watch, because, Bennett says, the zipline park southwest of Kelowna will be closed to the public until the last thigh flies by.

Bennett says a 73-year-old has promised to take the plunge, but he also notes the women can ride in anything from their birthday suits to pasties or full costumes, if they wish.

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TransWest Air

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A regional airline in Saskatchewan says it has made changes to make sure it doesn't again forget to pick up its customers.

TransWest Air of Prince Albert abandoned a group of SaskPower employees working on a project in a remote northern area on April 21. When a plane failed to pick them up at the end of the day, the workers built shelters and spent the night in the bush.

A plane picked them up the next day and returned them to their work camp.

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Fishing gear likely did humpback in, tests reveal

People gather around a beached humpback whale that died during low tide in White Rock, B.C., on June 12. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Beached. While the ropes had already been removed before necropsy, gouges reveal whale had been entangled

Preliminary results from a necropsy on a young humpback whale confirm the creature likely died a slow death from starvation after being entangled in fishing gear.

Veterinary pathologist Stephen Raverty with the Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Centre in Abbotsford, B.C., says ropes had obviously been buried deep in the whale's mouth.

He says the gear had been removed by the time the necropsy was carried out, but gouges on the whale's body revealed how it had been entangled, and also suggest it had developed secondary infections from the injuries.

Raverty expects more tests will be done later this week but says the roughly eight-metre-long whale had no diseases or viruses when it beached itself and died on the tidal mud flats of White Rock beach, south of Vancouver, early on June 12. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Investigation

- Fisheries experts are working to identify the emaciated juvenile from the patterns on its tail flukes, in hopes of determining where it came from.
- Teams are also trying to track the origin of the fishing gear that snared the humpback, which is listed as threatened under Canada's Species at Risk Act.

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Discrimination. U.S. government sues two polygamous towns

The U.S. Justice Department on Thursday sued two polygamous towns along the Utah-Arizona border, claiming religious discrimination against non-sect members.

The federal civil rights lawsuit was filed against the towns of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Arizona, where most residents are members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, run by the group's jailed leader Warren Jeffs.

Jeffs is serving a life sentence in Texas after convictions on child sex and bigamy charges, but he is said to still maintain control of the communities.

The lawsuit comes after state legislatures in Utah and Arizona failed this year to pass bills aimed at abolishing the local police department that monitors the communities.

The Arizona bill was being pushed by state Attorney General Tom Horne, who said Colorado City police officers who are FLDS members flout the law and instead pay allegiance first to Jeffs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tonga

Search for missing sailors called off

Rescuers have abandoned a search for two Australians whose yacht was found wrecked off the coast of Tonga last week.

Adelaide resident Ian Thompson and central Victoria resident Erwin Claus, both in their 60s, used a satellite phone on June 14 to tell relatives they had run aground near the island of Late and their 50-foot yacht Navillus was breaking up.

A New Zealand-led rescue team found the wrecked yacht the next day but a search of the ocean and the island turned up nothing more.

Neville Blakemore of the Rescue Coordination Center said the search was suspended late Thursday after "all possible steps" had been taken to find the men. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Breast-cancer survivor wins the right to swim topless

Jodi Jaecks pressed for months to swim topless in a city pool after her double mastectomy made wearing swim tops painful. DEAN RUTZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESSS

A hollow victory. Seattle woman now wants the privilege of swimming comfortably extended to all cancer survivors

A Seattle breast-cancer survivor whose breasts were surgically removed has gained the permission to swim topless at a city pool.

But Jodi Jaecks wants to make sure her privilege is also extended to other breast-cancer survivors who want to swim comfortably.

"Initially, when I heard about the reversal, I was elevated. Then it came that it wasn't a policy change, it was just an exception for me. Then I was quite deflated," the 47-year-old said Thursday.

On Wednesday, Seattle Parks and Recreation Superintendent Christopher Williams announced he was giving Jaecks an exception to the department's clothing policy.

Williams said that he will review on a case-by-case basis requests from people who have had surgery and want to swim.

After enduring two surgeries, rounds of chemotherapy and the surgical removal of both her breasts in March 2011, Jaecks wanted to turn to swimming to regain her strength. But swimsuit tops proved too uncomfortable and nerves on her chest remained tender, Jaecks said.

So she asked the manager at her city pool if she could swim topless earlier this year. Eventually, she heard from the head of the aquatics department, who told her she couldn't.

Jaecks hasn't swum topless yet. She is planning a swim on Monday. Her exception extends only to adult lap hours. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Still unhappy

"It seemed like it was a reaction just meant to appease me."

Seattle breast-cancer survivor Jodi Jaecks reacts to the decision to allow her to swim topless in public swimming pools

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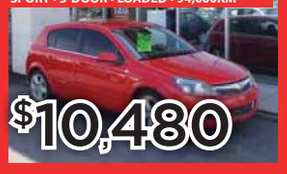
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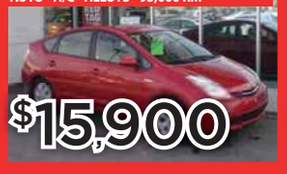
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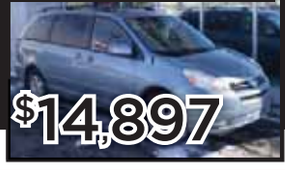
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U.S. Catholic bishops launch campaign for religious freedom

Critics. Campaign accused of being a partisan assault on President Obama

Roman Catholic groups in the U.S. started a two-week campaign Thursday of prayer vigils and rallies to fight what they consider government attacks on religious liberty.

The immediate target is the mandate that President Barack Obama announced in January requiring most employers to provide health insurance that covers birth control, which the Vatican opposes.

Critics accuse the bishops of organizing the campaign as a partisan assault on Obama. But church leaders say their only goal is to protect religious freedom.

The Fortnight for Freedom campaign runs through Independence Day, July 4.

"In only the past few years, we've experienced rampant disregard for religious beliefs in this country," New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan wrote in an e-book released for the Fortnight effort.

Among the examples he cites are approval for embryonic stem-cell research, legal justification for torturing prisoners and support for same-sex marriage. Dolan is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Opponents are unconvinced. "This bishops' project isn't about religious freedom — it's about privilege," said the Rev. Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "They are asking for preferential treatment from the government, and if they are successful, it would undercut the rights of millions of Americans."

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Contraception coverage

- The Obama mandate on contraception coverage included a religious exemption for houses of worship, but not for religiously affiliated hospitals, charities, universities and social service agencies.
- Many Catholics from across the political spectrum protested that the Health and Human Services Department chose the narrowest religious exemption available and urged Obama to reconsider.
- In response, the president said he would require insurance companies to cover the cost instead of religious groups.
- However, some Catholic allies have called the compromise inadequate.

Toying with a rifle

U.S. navy SEAL Lt.-Cmdr. Rorke teaches Japanese actress Uno Kanda how to aim a toy rifle during a promotional event for his movie, Act of Valor, in Tokyo on Thursday. The U.S. film, starring real, active-duty SEALs, is set to open Friday in Japan. SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blaming the budget

No money for forced sterilization victims in U.S.

Between 1929 and 1974, North Carolina forcibly sterilized about 7,600 people whom it deemed "feebleminded" or otherwise undesirable. Many were poor black women.

Now the first serious proposal to compensate the victims has failed, with Republican lawmakers saying the budget is too tight to give them any money.

"At this point, I have lost all hope," one of the measure's biggest supporters, Rep. Earline Parmon, said Wednesday.

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Assault on women

Biden launches PSA on dating violence

The White House is issuing a public-service announcement against dating violence, combining the voices of U.S. President Barack Obama and Vice-President Joe Biden with those of top sports figures in a campaign to reduce assaults on women. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Weather guru calls for hot, dry summer

Extended heat wave. Environment Canada expert predicts summer highs after warmest spring in 65 years

A hotter and drier summer than usual is in the cards for Canadians, the country's top weather guru says.

"There's no guarantee with weather, not in Canada — maybe in Malta or Cyprus or Honolulu ... But our models are showing that we think that July and August and early September look like it's going to be warmer than normal from coast to coast," said Dave Phillips, senior climatologist at Environment Canada.

No areas of the country are expected to see temperatures dip below historic averages, though some areas will hover around the usual level.

Weather man

"We do know (that) on the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, you will get those moments where your life is passing in front of you."

Dave Phillips, senior climatologist at Environment Canada

Phillips said the West will also be hit with hot and dry weather, with the cross-country forecast heating up the most through July and August.

The heat and humidity in the low-40s across southern Ontario and parts of Quebec so far this week may be a prelude to the summer weather story to come.

It's been "almost a dry run, or the opening act" to weather ahead, said Phillips.

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Three-year-old Aliyah Prince dances in the water at Beachfront Park in Pickering, Ont., Thursday. WANDA GOODWIN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Hats for horses

Carla Creagan wears a multi-coloured hat as she poses for the photographers on the third day of Royal Ascot horse race meeting at Ascot, England, Thursday. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beauty queen shaved head for charity

Just three months ago, Debbe Ebben had no hair. On Saturday night, she was crowned Miss Alaska.

Ebben shaved her head in March to raise more than $4,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which donates money for childhood cancer research. She said she did it to let children who lost their hair because of cancer treatments know that it was OK to be bald.

Choosing her words carefully, she said losing one's hair should be special — whether it's voluntary or not.

"I wanted to put meaning and emotion behind it, and let them know why I'm doing it — for the kids," she said. "I'm not shaving it to get attention. I'm not shaving it for publicity. I'm not shaving it because it's a really easy hairstyle to go with. I'm shaving it for them."

Ebben's brown hair had grown back to a pixie cut by the time she became the state's top beauty queen over the weekend, but she says she will likely keep her hair short when she represents Alaska at the Miss America pageant in January 2013.

Debbe Ebben, Miss Alaska
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Blaze engulfs government office in Mumbai

India. Some witnesses complained that firefighters took almost half an hour to reach site

Thousands of employees were evacuated Thursday from a seven-storey government building as more than two-dozen fire engines battled a major blaze that raged for several hours in India's financial and entertainment capital.

Rescuers pulled two bodies from the gutted sixth floor of the Maharashtra state government headquarters in southern Mumbai, a state government official said on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to talk to reporters.

Earlier, T.P. Lahane, dean of the state-run J.J. Hospital in southern Mumbai, said 14 people were injured, and 10 of them were hospitalized. He also said one person was in critical condition.

Television images showed some people being taken on stretchers as the blaze and the billowing smoke engulfed from the fourth floor upward. A strong sea breeze fanned the fire, which could be seen for kilometres.

Firefighters used hydraulic platforms to evacuate trapped people, and two navy helicopters hovered over the building to pick up people from the rooftop.

Prithviraj Chavan, the state's top elected official, said he had asked police to investigate the cause of the fire that devastated three floors of the building.

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Fire officials evacuate an employee after the headquarters of the Maharashtra state government caught fire in Mumbai, India, Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drug war

Cartel chief's son caught in Mexico

Mexican marines detained one of the sons of Mexico's most-wanted drug kingpin, Joaquin (El Chapo) Guzman Loera, leader of the powerful Sinaloa cartel, the navy said Thursday.

An official with Mexico's Attorney General's Office said Jesus Alfredo Guzman Salazar, 26, was allegedly involved in drug trafficking and money laundering in western Mexico.

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Turkey. Police under investigation after man's beating caught on video

Officials say seven police officers have been temporarily laid off while being investigated for the severe beating of a man that was captured on video and broadcast on Turkish television.

The grainy video that has caused outrage in Turkey shows a group of policemen lashing a man with a belt, beating him with batons and kicking him as he lies on a street.

The Istanbul governor's office said Thursday seven officers are being probed over the incident.

The victim, Ahmet Koca, told Hurriyet newspaper in an interview published Thursday that he was beaten after a right-of-way dispute with a police vehicle while rushing a pregnant relative to hospital.

The beating was secretly recorded by a witness who has remained anonymous.

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Egyptians cry foul as election results withheld

Egyptian protesters wave national flags and banners in Tahrir Square in Cairo on Thursday. Authorities delayed Thursday's planned announcement of the winner of Egypt's presidential election, spurring political tensions and charges of deals, fraud and interference from Egypt's ruling military council. MANU BRABO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt's media are demonizing the Muslim Brotherhood as the state's worst enemy, claiming the fundamentalist group plans to plunge the country into chaos if its candidate does not emerge as the winner from the presidential runoff.

Results of the weekend election were set to be announced Thursday, but officials postponed the declaration, setting off a wave of charges of manipulation aimed at all sides, including the ruling military.

The Brotherhood escalated its fight with the military, calling for a mass protest Friday to denounce what it called a power grab by the generals. Three major Islamist groups said Thursday they would join the protest in Tahrir Square, birthplace of the uprising that forced Hosni Mubarak out of office last year.

Thousands of protesters, mostly Islamists, gathered in Tahrir Thursday for the third successive day.

Protesters demanded the reinstatement of the Islamist-dominated parliament dissolved by a court ruling last week. They also called on the military to rescind a "constitutional declaration" granting the generals sweeping powers and stripping the next president of much of his authority.

The sense of political uncertainty engulfing the country following last weekend's presidential runoff is heightened by the failure of Egypt's election commission to announce a winner. Both candidates — Mubarak's last prime minister, Ahmed Shafiq, and Mohammed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood — have claimed victory.

"I have faith in the judges of Egypt, but too much delay will raise question marks," Saad el-Katatni, a senior Brotherhood leader and speaker of the dissolved legislature, told Al-Jazeera in an interview. "The result is already known and it is Mohammed Morsi."

Late Thursday, Shafiq repeated his claim of victory and charged that the Brotherhood was "playing games" and striking "backdoor deals" with outside powers to influence the results. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"We are living a moment that may be similar to (Adolf) Hitler's rise to power."

Novelist Gamal el-Ghetani
claims a Brotherhood presidency could change Egypt forever

Human Rights Watch

Military rulers blasted over power grab

Human Rights Watch said on Thursday that recent moves by Egypt's ruling generals suggested that there would not be a "meaningful" handover of power to civilian rule by July 1 as promised.

The military council that took over from Hosni Mubarak 16 months ago has over the past week given itself the role of legislator, the right to arrest civilians, control over drafting a new constitution and stripped the next president of many significant powers. It has also taken several steps to shield the military from civilian oversight.
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Flaherty introduces new mortgage, lending rules

Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty holds a press conference at the National Press Theatre in Ottawa on Thursday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Expected announcement. Both Flaherty and Bank of Canada head Mark Carney have expressed concern about rising household debt

Buying a first home or taking out a loan against an existing residence will be more difficult for Canadians under new rules announced Thursday, but Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says it's for their own good.

For the fourth time in as many years, the finance minister moved to tighten the mortgage and lending landscape — changes that mean up to five per cent of Canadians who might be considering buying a new home will likely no longer qualify.

This time Flaherty's cutting the maximum amortization period for government-insured homes to 25 years from the current 30 years, and limiting how much homeowners can borrow on the value of their homes to 80 per cent from 85 per cent.

Those are not the only changes the government is making.

It will no longer be in the business of insuring homes that are worth more than $1 million — meaning buyers will need to put up at least a 20 per cent down payment or seek private insurance.

As well, it will insist that prospective buyers have the means to afford mortgage payments, property taxes and heating costs on their home.

It will do so by setting cost ratios based on household income — a kind of affordability ratio — of 39 per cent for gross debt service and 44 per cent for total debt service.

The changes go into effect July 9.

The most significant change is the reduction to the amortization period, bringing it back to the level it had stood historically before rising to as high as 40 years during the heady pre-recession days of 2006.

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Bank of Canada

Economy running on fumes: Carney

Canada's relatively healthy economy has been largely based on borrowed money but the situation cannot go on indefinitely, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney warned Thursday.

The central bank governor's stern words to a business audience in Halifax came just hours after federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty moved to clamp down on household lending.

Carney made clear that he endorses the moves, calling them "prudent" and "timely" to support the long-term stability of the housing market and guard against financial excesses.

Carney suggested he has no patience for the view that instead of raising interest rates his next move will be to cut the trendsetting overnight rate from the current one per cent, where it's been since September 2010.

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Pineapple haven

Oracle CEO to buy Hawaiian island

Oracle Corp. CEO Larry Ellison is closing in on a purchase even lottery winners can only dream about — 98 per cent of Hawaii's pineapple island, Lanai.

Ellison hasn't said what he plans to do with the vast majority of the island's 141 square miles, but the sellers say he plans substantial investments that will create jobs and stimulate tourism to the island once owned in the 1920s by the founder of Dole Foods.

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RIM woos app developers

Fierce competition. Can the BlackBerry maker win back confidence with its new operating system and focus on apps?

Even as BlackBerry maker Research in Motion faces what's certainly the most difficult period in the company's history, its executives haven't lost their sense of humour.

A whirlwind summer tour to entice software developers took a hilarious turn Thursday as the lights dimmed in a hotel conference room and several of the company's development team appeared on screen singing a parody of Tom Petty and the Heartbreaker's The Waiting.

"The waiting is the hardest part. BlackBerry 10 will be state-of-the-art," the executives sang in the mock music video.

"But the waiting is the hardest part."

That sentiment could be echoed throughout the tech industry as investors, analysts and consumers keep their eye on the Waterloo, Ont.-based company. RIM has tumbled from grace over the past two years with remarkable speed, but is trying to prove a newfound agility while preparing the debut of its long-awaited new smartphones sometime later this year.

The pseudo-rock-band parody marked the start of the day-long BlackBerry 10 Jam showcase, designed to convince the tech industry's creative types that the BlackBerry is still a cutting-edge device with a promising future.

The event races across North America in the coming weeks before heading to Europe, Asia and Latin America later this summer. Another Canadian stop is scheduled for July 11 in Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The new Blackberry 10 prototype is seen during a media event in Toronto on Thursday. DAVID FRIEND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

People look at a Tesla Motors electric roadster at a showroom in San Jose, California. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

New sedan will make or break Tesla

It's a make-or-break moment for electric-car maker Tesla Motors.

Tesla has lost nearly $1 billion selling high-end electric sports cars to the likes of George Clooney. Now it's going to attempt to sell them to the rest of us — and try to make money doing so.

The company's first mass-market, five-seat sedan will be delivered Friday. The car, called the Model S, will either propel the company to profitability or leave it sputtering on the fumes of a $465 million government loan.

Tesla, the brainchild of PayPal billionaire and SpaceX founder Elon Musk, has always been a moon shot. Analysts and auto industry insiders scoffed at the idea that a new car company could be created from scratch and built in a high-cost state like California. Boardroom turmoil and a string of technical problems repeatedly delayed the launch of the company's only car, the $109,000 two-seat Tesla Roadster.

Tesla survived by creating something so unique that the price tag was almost irrelevant: A beautiful car that could tear up a race track without burning a single drop of gasoline. Celebrities flocked to it, giving Tesla a cachet that an established brand like Cadillac could only dream of.

Now to survive, Tesla has to convince more traditional car customers to buy an expensive vehicle with limited range from a small, untested company. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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THE LIST
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1 **Nik Wallenda.** The high-wire artist calmly crossed over Niagara Falls with nerves of steel, all the while talking to his father and play-by-play commentators on ABC on a broadcast that 13.1 million viewers watched. The only thing he didn't do was send a live tweet. But he did tweet right after @NikWallenda: "Love you Niagara. What's next?" Apparently the Grand Canyon.

2 **Radiohead/The Flaming Lips.** In a "great cosmic collision" of live music, the Flaming Lips and Radiohead were to perform simultaneous sets in Toronto Saturday night. Except Radiohead's concert was cancelled after a pre-show stage collapse at Downsview Park, resulting in the death of drum tech Scott Johnson. The Flaming Lips paid moving tribute, covering Radiohead's Knives Out at Yonge-Dundas Square.

3 **Carly Rae Jepsen.** Even Katy Perry's daring nude bodysuit couldn't trump Mission, B.C.'s pop sensation Carly Rae Jepsen. The first-time MuchMusic Video Awards performer was the big winner with three MMVAs for video of the year, MuchMusic.com's most-watched video, and fan-driven ur fave video of the year for Call Me Maybe. World domination is imminent.

4 **Justin Trudeau for prime minister?** With the Liberal party leadership up for grabs after Bob Rae's announcement he won't run, many are wondering if the charismatic son of former prime minister Pierre Trudeau will vie for the party leadership. Justin is considering running, and a poll says 42 per cent of Canadians think he would do a good job. Trudeaumania: The Sequel.

5 **Rodney King.** After his brutal beating by police officers in 1991 stunned a nation, King went on national TV a year later following their acquittals, which started race riots in L.A., and pleaded for peace. King himself never found peace, battling alcohol and arrests — and was found dead in his pool Sunday morning at the age of 47. Fitting, perhaps, that it was officers who pulled him out and tried to perform CPR on him.

6 **Cristiano Ronaldo.** Ronaldo had been a bust on the international stage until shining for the first time at Euro 2012 this week — scoring three dramatic goals in Portugal's two wins to push them into the semifinals. He's no Pele, but he has put himself among the greats. And he can definitely bend it like Beckham.

7 **Will turns 30.** It's hard to believe, but the little boy who grew up before the world's eyes — son of the iconic Diana, Princess of Wales — turned the big 3-0 this week. No word on what Kate got him, but I would have recommended a flash mob with the Queen, Kate, Harry, Charles and the guards at Buckingham Palace.

8 **Beau Hossler.** The amateur golfer participated in the U.S. Open on the weekend, and while he didn't come close to winning — he finished tied for 29th after briefly holding the lead in the second round — remember this: He's only 17. He was cheered and serenaded at every hole, and given a standing ovation at the end. "Let's Go Hoss-ler" tees may someday go viral.

9 **Jack Osbourne.** The reality TV star from the famous Osbourne family announced he's been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, discovering he had it after losing much of the vision in his right eye. "Adapt and overcome is my new motto," says Osbourne, who recently became a dad. And now possibly a spokesperson for the disease à la Montel Williams.

10 **Canada's Walk of Fame.** Musicians Randy Bachman and Sarah McLachlan, the late comedian Phil Hartman, ballerina Sonia Rodriguez, football player Russ Jackson and the 1972 members of Team Canada are among this year's inductees to Canada's Walk of Fame, and will get a star in Toronto's entertainment district on Sept. 22. For some reason, I didn't make the cut this year.

11 **Adele's miracle.** Her hit single Rolling in the Deep awoke from a coma seven-year-old British girl Charlotte Neve, who had suffered a brain hemorrhage. She wasn't expected to survive, but after lying comatose for a week Adele's song came on the hospital radio, Mom sang it to her and little Charlotte broke into a smile. She has since recovered. Miracle song.

Festival gets colourful kickoff

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Hindus honour gods

Chariots pulled by large crowds

Hindu devotees from the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) touch a painting in reverence on a road surface during a chariot procession of lord Jagannath in Hyderabad, India, Thursday.

The annual Hindu festival Rath Yatra sees three idols — representing lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra — taken out in a grand procession in specially made chariots called raths, which are pulled by thousands of devotees. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Devotees throng around the chariots as they wait to pull them during the annual Hindu festival Rath Yatra, or chariot procession, in Puri, Orissa state, India. Inset: An Indian man dressed up as monkey god Hanuman.
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Nine-day celebration

Three deities worshipped

The nine-day Indian celebration marks the annual journey of the three deities to the Devi Gundicha temple, which belongs to their aunt.

"Normally, the deities are worshipped within the temple throughout the year. However, on the day of Rath Yatra, they are taken through the Badadanda so that devotees — including non-Hindus and foreigners who are not allowed inside the temple — can have a glimpse of the gods," a member of the temple told the Hindustan Times. **METRO**

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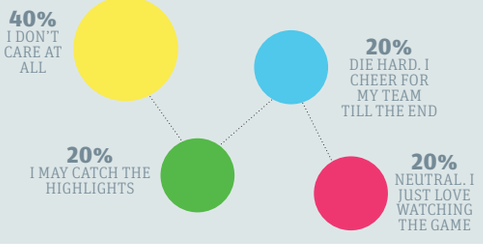

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@JDfromCJAY: What did I learn this morning? Eating a hard-boiled egg on your walk to work is as delicious as it is difficult. #RealTalk #yyc #life

@J_Weds: My satellite radio does not inform me of any traffic problems. #firstworldproblems McLeod and canyon meadows is a #mess #yyc

@jody_macpherson: Note to self: Check clothing for stray panties stuck via static cling before leaving in morning. #fb

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Anthony Mackie, left, portrays Will Johnson, and Benjamin Walker stars as the title character in Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter. HANDOUT

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This is no history lesson

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter. Once you get past the crazy premise, the film is actually entertaining

Richard: Mark, for a movie about vampires it has very little bite. There are a couple of big action set pieces and bloodsuckers get killed by the dozen, but I thought the over reliance on computer generated effects reduces the vampire battles — and that's what we're paying to see! — to a bloody synthetic spray of binary code, and little more. What did you think?

Mark: I have rarely seen a movie with a more idiotic premise, but I have also rarely seen a movie of this type so beautifully shot or art directed. The 3D is ravishing. If you can accept the ludicrous, absurd game of revisionist history that's being played here, you might have a good time at this flick. My main problem is that the movie adopts a different tone in its last third, after Lincoln becomes President. The cleverness gives way to spectacle, and I got left behind in all the conventional carnage onscreen.

RC: I wanted the carnage! This isn't a history lesson, it's a movie about killing vampires and on that level it only works in the film's OTT action sequences. Give me more of Honest Abe jumping from horse to horse during a stampede, and less of everything else. Although I have to have a soft spot for a movie that wraps up (MILD SPOILER) with Mary Todd Lincoln saying, "Abraham! Hurry, we're late for the theatre!"

MB: And the movie lost major points for me for not showing the scene and suggesting that Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, was actually a vampire! The movie may not be a history lesson, but it does play with history, which gave it some tang for me. It sure wasn't the dialogue, or the acting. In fact, the lead, Benjamin Walker, got the part because he was the only actor who could embrace the premise without bursting into derisive laughter. You're right about the stampede scene, though. Exciting, original, and very memorable.

RC: You can't make a sequel if you kill the main character! No matter what really happened if this movie makes money, Abe will be back killing vampires, honestly.

MB: What worries me isn't the sequel, but the copycats: Franklin Roosevelt: Werewolf Killer; JFK: Alien Hunter; and worst of all, Stephen Harper: Zombie Slayer.

Synopsis

The story of Abraham Lincoln's bloodsucker battles begins in 1818 when his mother is killed by a vengeful vampire. His hatred of his mother's killer grows for years, but when he finally has the chance to even the score, he is instead, literally bitten by the urge to hunt vampires. Teaming up with a Van Helsing-esque warrior named Henry Sturgess (Dominic Cooper), he uses a silver-tipped axe to make sure America remains "a nation of men and not monsters."

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●●○○

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SCENE

Scene in brief

N.Y. press club not happy with Baldwin

The New York Press Club is condemning Alec Baldwin's alleged assault of a newspaper photographer outside a marriage license bureau. The press club released a statement Wednesday saying Baldwin's actions "should not be tolerated." They say he is a public figure and that his activities are "legitimate subjects of media interest." Police have confirmed that Daily News photographer Marcus Santos has filed a complaint against Baldwin. They say Santos claims he was punched while snapping photos of Baldwin and his fiancée on Tuesday.

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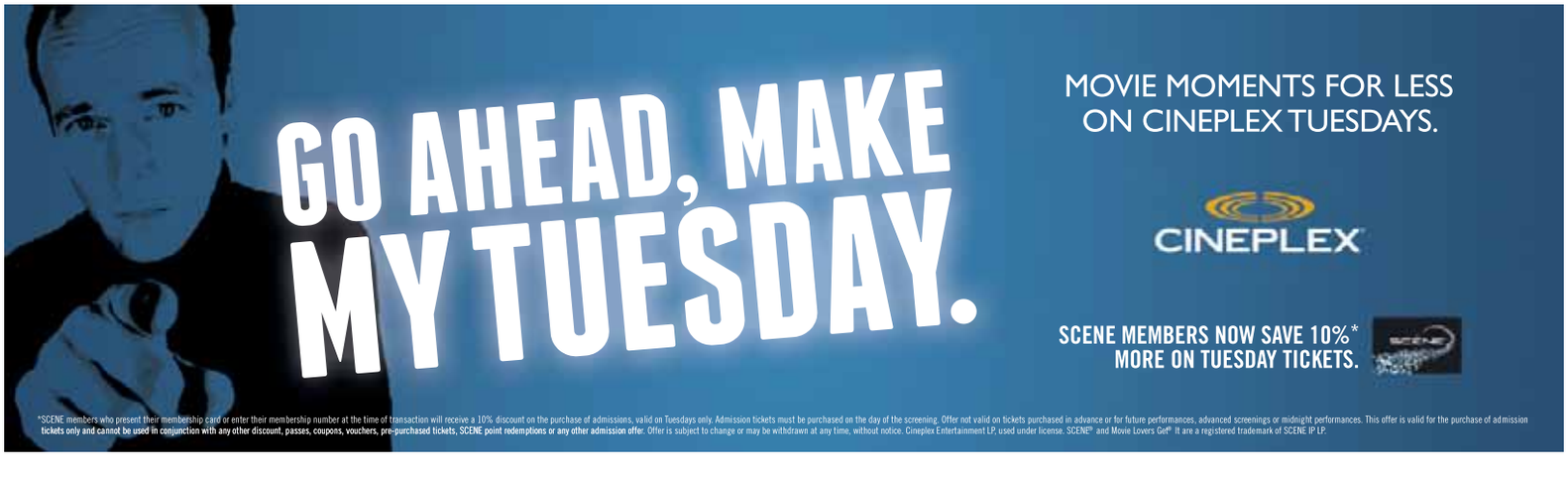
On the web

Lohan's Liz & Dick checked by two guilds for workplace safety; producer says all is 'fine'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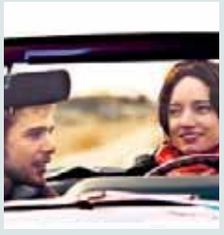

Foreverland

Director. Max McGuire

Stars. Max Thieriot, Laurence Leboeuf, Demián Bichir

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Most 21 year-olds don't shop for their own coffin, but Will (Thieriot) isn't like most people his age. Born with cystic fibrosis, Will has a bleak outlook on life. When a childhood friend loses his battle with the disease, Will is tasked with delivering his ashes to a mythologized healing shrine in Mexico. As Will makes his way down to Mexico he (predictably) begins to open up to life's possibilities. Even if it feels a bit contrived, Foreverland is an entertaining road trip movie with a message.

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Drama

Virginia

Director. Dustin Lance Black

Stars. Jennifer Connelly, Ed Harris, Emma Roberts

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The latest film from Dustin Lance Black (Milk, J. Edgar) has a little bit of everything: romance, revenge, religion, robberies. The list goes on. The film centres around Virginia, a mentally ill single mother who fakes a pregnancy to ensnare the married sheriff she's been sleeping with for decades (Harris). But there are too many subplots and minor characters that distract from Virginia's story. Despite this, the film is held together by a beautiful performance by Connelly in the title role.

REGAN REID

Comedy

Bernie

Director. Richard Linklater

Stars. Jack Black, Shirley MacLaine

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Richard Linklater's docu-drama takes off from the bizarre real-life story of a Texas funeral home worker who murdered his elderly female companion. But it's not a lurid, ripped-from-the-headlines melodrama. Instead, this gifted filmmaker fashions an oddly affectionate paean to small-town eccentricity rooted in local detail and adorned by Jack Black's controlled, slightly eerie performance as the likeable yet homicidal title character.

ADAM NAYMAN

Comedy

Darling Companion

Director. Lawrence Kasdan

Stars. Diane Keaton, Kevin Kline, Ayelet Zurer

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Beth (Keaton) is devastated when her husband Joseph (Kline) loses her beloved dog. After an unsuccessful initial search, Beth and her search party do what all desperate dog-lovers do: they follow the advice of the gypsy caretaker who has "visions" of the dog's whereabouts. Though it provided a few laughs, the subplot was ultimately unnecessary, considering the film is more about fostering relationships.

REGAN REID

Fable

Brave

Directors. Mark Andrews, Brenda Chapman

Stars. Kelly Macdonald, Billy Connolly

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Brave may not be one of Pixar studio's best films (Wall-E, Up) but it would be wrong to denounce it based on that. The Scottish fable of a tomboy princess who refuses to resign to marriage takes a surprising tonal turn once she unwittingly has her mother placed under a witch's curse.

Stunning animation and fun characters make up for a hollower helping from Pixar. STEVE GOW

The end is nigh

Seeking a Friend For the End of the World

Director. Lorene Scafaria

Stars. Steve Carell and Keira Knightley

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What happens when the end of the world is just days away and you meet the person of your dreams? Are you a hopeless romantic or is your romance hopeless? That's the question asked by Steve Carell and Keira Knightley in this keenly observed look at what might happen.

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Pfeiffer's one of us in People Like Us

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Despite the fact that actor Chris Pine has grown accustomed to taking a beating on film — with roles in Star Trek and this year's This Means War — Michelle Pfeiffer wasn't particularly enthused about joining the party.

"Oh, I hated that," Pfeiffer says of her first scene with Pine in People Like Us, in which she slaps him across the face. "I didn't like having to do that. I didn't even like watching it. It's so brutal, really, to slap somebody. I think it's probably hard for audiences to see that. That's a really hard thing to recover from."

In People Like Us, Pfeiffer plays Lillian, the mother to Pine's Sam, who is dealing with the aftershocks of discovering his recently deceased father secretly had another child (Elizabeth Banks). Given the tension in the mother-son relationship on screen,

Michelle Pfeiffer. HANDOUT

Pfeiffer's main concern was conveying some warmth in Lillian.

"One of the things (director) Alex (Kurtzman) and I talked about from the beginning was that she just didn't become one dimensional and really cold and icy," Pfeiffer says.

"We wanted to find the humanity of this person who was just really limited and damaged and who had made certain choices in her life that she may regret, that she's not proud of. What I love about her is that she ultimately owns up and takes responsibility for those choices. I think she's unapologetic about it."

Another thing she decided to be unapologetic about was Lillian's look, presenting her natural beauty with a fair dose of weary reality.

"It's not easy to see yourself at your worst," she says of watching the finished product. "None of us want people to see us when we've just rolled out of bed and your hair is dirty and you don't have any makeup on and you're puffy from whatever you've been doing. And that's who she is.

"I wanted to do that. I wanted to go there, I felt it would be liberating."

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Set in Toronto, Sarah Polley's Take this Waltz explores infidelity

Adulterous dilemma. Actress-turned-filmmaker's latest effort deals with a moral tussle that will divide audiences

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Take this Waltz divides audiences, and actor-turned-Oscar-nominated filmmaker Sarah Polley is perfectly satisfied with that.

"To me the film is a little too soft or something but I'm amazed at the way people are responding to it," said Polley in Toronto recently.

"People bring their past relationship to it, people bring their current relationship to it and I feel like they align themselves with one character or another…so I love hearing what people think the film is saying."

Named after a Leonard Cohen song, Polley's sophomore effort (in theatres June 29) sticks to her roots.

Set proudly in Toronto, Waltz explores a happily married woman's (multiple-Oscar nominated actor Michelle Williams) moral tussle with desires of infidelity when she meets a bohemian artist.

"I actually think the gender divide is really complicated on this one. I feel like it's much more common to see men on television and in movies have sexual restlessness and to still like them (despite) that," said Polley referring specifically to the popularity of Mad Men character Don Draper.

"It's interesting to me that we're more comfortable with men doing this than women still."

It's a complicated, involving film which captures the type of powerful performance Polley often delivered in her own acting achievements — an aspect of her career she admits "may take a bit of a hit".

After 27 years in front of the camera however, Take This Waltz (and the Oscar-nomination she received for writing Away From Her) establishes Polley's best work in filmmaking is yet to come.

"(Screenwriting) is my favorite part," said Polley. "Maybe I feel there's actually very little art to screenwriting. Everybody is impressed if you can write a half-decent screenplay but actually anybody who's ever watched movies could. I find it kind of hilarious."

Romanticizing Toronto

"I always imagined Toronto would be a main character in a film," said Polley. "It was like an opportunity to celebrate Toronto and really show it the way I romanticize it and idealize it and the way I love it."

- Some of Sarah Polley's work: The Adventures of Baron Munchausen; Road to Avonlea (TV series); The Sweet Hereafter; Dawn of the Dead; John Adams (TV mini-series); Away From Her (Writer/Director)

Sarah Polley on set of Take this Waltz, which opens June 29th. MICHAEL GIBSON

Family Guy came first for MacFarlane before he could cuddle up with his Ted

Bear necessities. Versatile entertainer's directorial debut was delayed due to flagship show's temporary cancellation in 2004

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Seth MacFarlane has certainly established himself as a bona fide entertainer, with three animated series on TV, 2.2 million Twitter followers and a burgeoning career as a crooner.

And now he makes his debut as a director with the comedy Ted.

So why has it taken him this long to get around to making a movie?

A lot of that had to do with making sure his flagship property could survive without him.

"Family Guy had that little cancellation thing happen to it," MacFarlane says, referring to the hit show's brief death in 2001 and rebirth in 2004. "I wanted to make sure that it was fully on its feet after coming back before I stepped away to do a film because it did mean stepping away from that show completely for at least a year, and that was something that I hadn't done yet."

And while Family Guy has its origins in a pair of animated film pitches MacFarlane developed, Ted took the reverse track: "This was an idea that had actually been floating around in my head for a while. I had originally conceived it as an animated series idea and for a number of reasons shelved it," he recalls. "When it came time to do my first movie, it seemed like a story that would make a much better film than a series." That idea — about a man (Mark Wahlberg) and his teddy bear (voiced by MacFarlane) that magically came to life when he was a kid — might seem cartoonish on paper, but MacFarlane's main concern was making the situation believable.

Seth MacFarlane directs Ted and voices the teddy bear. GETTY IMAGE OF MACFARLANE

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Forget flux capacitors, this is an emotional trip

Mark Duplass stars as a man determined to travel through time in Safety Not Guaranteed HANDOUT

Occupation travel. Director Mark Duplass takes on a new role as lead actor in Safety Not Guaranteed

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Mark Duplass is perhaps Hollywood's unlikeliest rising star.

Not only has he and his co-directing brother Jay established a reputation for making quirky award-winning mumblecore comedies like The Puffy Chair but the filmmaker is now becoming a highly sought-after actor — beginning with Safety Not Guaranteed (in theatres June 15).

"It's a challenge because I've played quite a few characters which are thinly-veiled versions of myself to a certain degree and this guy is nothing like me," said Duplass about his role as a real-life loner trying to enlist someone to assist him to travel through time.

"This guy is a true sincere believer…he's almost some bizarrely sad wrecked version of Marty McFly and I just loved seeing a person like that trying to find love and greatness."

Not surprisingly, director Colin Treverrow's comedy does comply with corresponding themes to a Duplass Brothers movie such as Cyrus — an argument that Safety's scarcity of special effects for flourishing character development only affirms.

"This movie is less about the lasers and flux capacitors of time travel and much more about the reasons emotionally why someone would want to time travel which, for me, is this need to eject from your station in life and find something better."

Although Duplass will also appear this summer in the drama People Like Us and Your Sister's Sister, the Louisiana native insists his sudden involvement on-screen is strictly out of respect for the roles and definitely not a craving for stardom.

"A lot of the comedies we're seeing now are about deadpan eye rolls and cynicism," said Duplass.

"I'm at the point now whether it's a $2000 movie or $20 million or $200 million dollar movie, I just want to work with people who are inspired and that goes for any genre."

That's a stretch

It's a challenge because I've played quite a few characters which are thinly-veiled versions of myself to a certain degree and this guy is nothing like me. This guy is a true sincere believer... he's almost some bizarrely sad wrecked version of Marty McFly and I just loved seeing a person like that trying to find love and greatness. "

Actor Mark Duplass

Lights, camera, athlete!

Mark and Jay Duplass's next film will be The Do-Deca-Penthathalon, out in July:

- "It's about two brothers who compete in their own personal 25-event Olympics even though they're incredibly out of shape and got no business doing so," said Duplass about the Summer Olympic timing of the film's release. "(It's) a nice little counterpoint to remind people we should always have a sense of humour."

Forget the silly stuff

How childhood shaped his taste in film:

- "(My brother and I) got into these adult dramas at a very early age. We weren't watching Star Wars and stuff. We were into the hard-hitting adult dramas and I think it had an effect on us."

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Weather not to blame

Get to bottom of stage collapse situation

SOUND CHECK
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It's not your imagination. We are seeing more tragic stage collapses.

It's not enough that concert-goers have to worry about violence, bad drugs and mosh-pit injuries. I know that I'll never see a temporary outdoor festival stage without wondering if the damn thing is going to come down on someone.

This used to be a fairly rare occurrence until 2009 when we had two situations. The first came that August when a windstorm swept through the Big Valley Jamboree in Camrose, Alberta, killing one and injuring 15. The other was in France a few weeks later when a British man died during the construction of a stage for Madonna. (To be fair, that tragedy was caused by the collapse of a crane, not the stage itself).

Last summer, we had three terrible collapses. Cheap Trick narrowly missed being crushed during their set at Ottawa's Bluesfest when the roof came down during a sudden windstorm. Seven people were killed when another storm blew through the Indianapolis State Fairgrounds just before Sugarland was to take the stage. And five people were killed when the weather turned bad at the Pukkelpop Festival in Belgium.

Fans were terrified. Promoters were horrified. Staging companies promised higher standards. Authorities instituted strict inspections. Insurance companies demanded higher liability premiums which either cut into profit margins or were passed along in the form of higher ticket prices. Some went so far as to blame global warming, saying it was the cause of these sudden ferocious storms.

"We won't let this happen again," everyone said. Meteorologists were hired to provide ample warning. Kudos to the people in Las Vegas who stopped the Electric Daisy Carnival a couple of weeks ago when the skies turned ugly. Nothing happened and no one was hurt, but better safe than sorry, right?

So why did the sky fall last Saturday before the Radiohead show in Toronto? It certainly wasn't the weather. It was sunny and pleasant with light winds. The evening's forecast looking great.

The Ontario Ministry of Labour says they're on the case. And because Downsview Park is federal land, Ottawa is on the case, too.

Get to the bottom of this. We need to know why three of five of the worst stage collapses in the world over the last three years happened in Canada.

Jukebox the Ghost has released their third studio album called Safe Travels. SHERVIN LAINEZ

Travels into darkness

Jukebox the Ghost.
Singer Tommy Siegel on the losses that led his usually peppy band to sing about Ghosts in Empty Houses

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The first half of the new Jukebox the Ghost album is as jaunty and upbeat as ever, but later in the journey of Safe Travels, the band trade in some of their certifiably danceable hooks in favor of deeper, darker introspection.

"To me, all good pop music — even good, sunny pop music — has a real hint of sadness going on," says guitarist and singer Tommy Siegel. "If you're all bubbles and happiness all the time, it doesn't really resonate with people."

Siegel says that most of the songs on Safe Travels, were written before the band actually assembled to record. But when pianist and vocalist Ben Thornewill lost his grandfather and drummer Jesse Kristin lost his father, both to lung cancer, it gave the latter half of the album a heightened emotional power. Tracks such as Dead, Adulthood and Ghosts in Empty Houses deal with weighty fears of mortality previously untouched in the band's first two releases.

"It is more vulnerable," Siegel says of the new album. "It's a lot more personal than we have been in the past."

Fresh off trying out the new material at the music festival juggernaut that is Bonnaroo, Jukebox the Ghost dive headfirst into the type of thoroughly demanding tour that now defines them. Their New York City show sold out months before.

"It sold out so far in advance, that there was never really any way for someone who wasn't already a huge fan of our band to get a ticket," says Siegel of the Bowery Ballroom gig. "So that's really exciting to me — that we're going to get on stage, have a sold-out crowd and it's going to be filled with only people who are really on top of the band and really like the band."

Step by step

How to go about choosing your album artwork.

- **Why they went with an abstract image.** The album artwork for Safe Travels features a painting from artist Christopher Ferrino. The cover photograph on their previous effort, Everything Under the Sun, is also by Ferrino. Siegel says the decidedly abstract image comes from a series of Ferrino's depiction of ladders. "We liked the metaphor because we weren't really thinking of Safe Travels as like an actual travelling thing; it was almost a mantra for saying goodbye — a breakup, or passing onto another realm or what have you," Siegel says. "His whole series of paintings with ladders really resonated with us."

Adding Canadiana to a scary sci-fi world

Victor Webster. Up and coming actor talks about policing the mean streets of Vancouver on Continuum

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From his electrically-charged performance as the heroic mutant Brennan Mulwray in the sci-fi TV series Mutant X to the sword-wielding warrior Mathayus in the feature-length tale The Scorpion King 3: Battle for Redemption, Victor Webster has always been a natural when it comes to playing the good guy who sticks up for what he believes in.

Currently, the Calgary-born actor can be seen playing Vancouver police detective Carlos Fonnegra in the hit Canadian-made sci-fi/police drama Continuum. His character partners up with a colleague from the future, 2077, City Protective Services (CPS) Officer Kiera Cameron, who, together with a group of death row terrorists, travels back in time to the present day.

"Carlos is rather intense and by the book, but I also wanted him to be someone who you could go out and have a beer with," explains the actor. With Carlos it's a matter of knowing when to get down to business and allowing your emotions to get away from you a little bit.

In Continuum's first season opener, A Stitch in Time, Kiera Cameron (Rachel Nichols) is witnessing the execution of a terrorist cell, including its leader Edouard Kagame (Tony Amendola). But something happens seconds before the terrorists are supposed to be put to death, and they are transported back to Vancouver 2012. She joins forces with Carlos — who is unaware of her true identity — to find the terrorists before their actions alter the future.

"From the very beginning Carlos is quite skeptical of Kiera," says Webster. "He can tell that something's wrong and what she says is not all true.

"As the season goes on, she proves invaluable as far as having Carlos' back," continues the actor. "Kiera is there for him on more than one occasion and vice-versa. He comes to her rescue as well throughout the season.

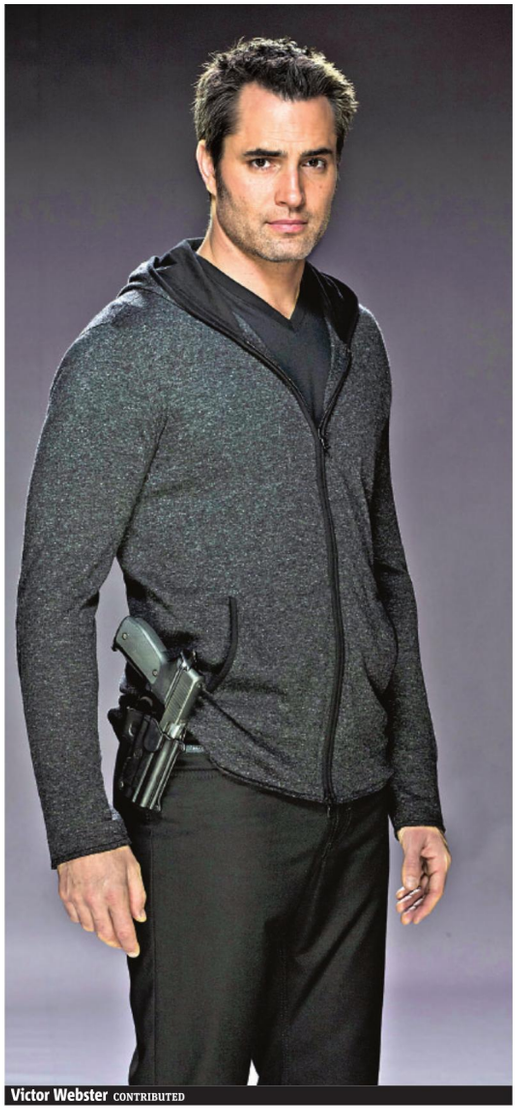
"Because of this, I think Carlos has had to learn that even though he might not have all the answers, he still must continue to do his job, which is odd for him because he's used to having all his ducks in a row.

Although he holds a black belt in Tao Kwon Do, Webster felt his character should defend himself in other ways when not armed with a gun. "Having grown up in Colombia, Carlos wouldn't have been a martial artist," he notes. "He would have been a boxer. Boxing is huge in the Latin culture, and being part Latin myself I understand that.

"I wanted my character to know how to box, and growing up in Canada, he would have played hockey as well. So a lot of the physical things that you see Carlos do are hockey related — throwing people around, shoulder-checking them, pulling a guy's jersey over his head and punching him, and, of course, boxing.

Digging into his characters and truly enjoying his work is what Webster is all about. Becker, NCIS, CSI: Miami, The Exes, Bones and Charmed are just a few of the actor's many other gigs he has loved.

"I always try to find as much enjoyment in every job as I possibly can… Fortunately, I've always had things really good as an actor, and I don't know if it's just because I try to find the positive in everything or if I've just been exceptionally lucky, but I've had nothing but great experiences so far in this business."



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More alien action set for season 2

TV. Falling Skies producer Steven Spielberg wants show to 'Amp it up'

Moon Bloodgood, left, and Noah Wyle, appear in a scene from TNT's Falling Skies. KEN WORONER/TNT, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Noah Wyle is confronting an alien invasion, the death of his wife and the potential annihilation of the human species in Falling Skies.

But he had to face a more personal issue in tackling the role of history professor Tom Mason in TNT's sci-fi series, which airs Sunday nights: Wyle, 41, has become an elder statesman, relatively speaking.

"I'm Anthony Edwards," said Wyle, referring to the ER co-star who's got eight years on him and boasted more credits when they started on the medical drama in 1994. "I'm the guy who's been around a little longer and has a little more set savvy."

It's a shift that came up faster than expected for Wyle, who looks younger than his years despite the beard he added for gravitas on Falling Skies.

His TV expertise is much appreciated, said Remi Aubuchon, the show's executive producer.

"Noah is a terrific example for the rest of the cast and us. He's always on set prepared and he stays on the set. And this is a revelation for me, he reads scripts early and his notes are always well thought-out and smart."

Intelligence is a hallmark of Wyle's characters since ER, the actor acknowledges: "I tend to play smart guys, which I like. Brains over brawn."

But Professor Tom is far from desk bound. There's plenty of opportunity for him to show off his action skills as Tom and other Earthlings fight multi-legged aliens, unfondly nicknamed "skitters" by their human prey, and their murderous robots. The 10 episodes of season two, filmed in Vancouver, bring new depth to the characters and begin to unfold the "mythology onion" surrounding the aliens and their mission, Wyle said.

"It feels a lot fresher, a lot more fun, instead of going, 'I'm Tom Mason, I used to be a history professor. To prove that, I'm going to cite historical references for each one of these battles,"' he said.

There's definitely more action afoot this season, Aubuchon said, and at the specific direction of executive producer Steven Spielberg.

"His primary thing, and I believe he used these words, was, 'Amp it up. Fans want more. We have to deliver more than we did in the first season,"' Aubuchon said. With six months elapsed since the invasion, and the initial trauma past, the conflict had to evolve.

The 2nd Mass understands "we're not playing anymore, we're not hiding, and if we die, we die honourably," he said.

Spielberg was also adamant that Falling Skies avoid turning into a "hardware show" with emotions swamped by special effects, Aubuchon said. There will be family time for Tom and his three sons, and romance as well.

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Douglas Sullivan, 12, right, and Avery Ash, 14, are shown on the set of Hold Fast in Bauline, N.L., last week. PAUL DALY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hold Fast goes from book to film

Movie. Story tells the tale of a Newfoundland boy's quest to belong

The classic Newfoundland novel Hold Fast, ranked by Quill & Quire as second only to Anne of Green Gables for Canadian children's books, will soon be a film starring Molly Parker, Andy Jones and soulful newcomer Avery Ash.

Fourteen-year-old Ash hails from the tiny coastal community of Hant's Harbour, N.L., on the Bay de Verde Peninsula, a tight-knit town not unlike the fishing outport that his character, Michael, calls home.

In the book, Michael is suddenly wrenched from everything he loves most when his parents are killed in a car wreck. He and his little brother, Brent, are separated as the younger boy stays with their aunt and grandfather, while Michael heads to a larger city to live with his Aunt Ellen, played by Parker of NBC's The Firm, and Uncle Ted, played by Newfoundland actor Aiden Flynn.

Michael bonds in that troubled house with his cousin, Curtis, but soon begins to crack under the weight of his grief, taunts at school and his Uncle Ted's heavy hand. When those pressures build into a major blowup, Michael takes off with Curtis in tow to the woodlands that were once his refuge.

Their timeless quest for both freedom and belonging is set against the spectacular backdrop of Newfoundland's Gros Morne National Park and postcard-pretty fishing villages such as Bauline. It's an adventure film based on a story that still resonates almost 35 years after it was first published, Ash said during a brief break from filming.

"Michael, at the start of the movie, he's really quick to judge people. But at the end of the movie he learns that you can't really judge people by how they look or by how they act at first sight.

"You definitely can learn from this book. Michael experiences being picked on by a big bully at school, and other children or kids can learn that it's not a good thing to do. It's another way to reach out about bullying."

He flashed a wide grin as he talked about the thrill of making his first feature film after playing parts in local theatre.

Ash and 12-year-old Douglas Sullivan of St. John's, who plays Curtis, were selected after months of auditions around the province.

It's the second time Parker has filmed in Newfoundland after her role 10 years ago with William Hurt and Andy Jones in the film adaptation of Newfoundland author Ed Riche's book Rare Birds. Her friendship and collaboration with Hold Fast co-producer and screenwriter Rosemary House brought her back to the Rock right after 10 months of filming the new TV series The Firm, based on John Grisham's best-selling novel. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Alec Baldwin

Note to paparazzi: Don't mess with Alec Baldwin

Alec Baldwin insists he did not punch a photographer in New York recently, but he doesn't deny making physical contact with the man in question.

"There was a person in front of me and he was blocking him. And the guy lunged and almost hit me in the teeth with the lens of the camera. So I just pushed the guy away," Baldwin says in an interview with Charlie Rose. Baldwin also takes issue with the very nature of paparazzi: "We make ourselves available as an obligation per our contract to our employers to represent the product and help to sell the product. And then when I walk out the door, that's over," he insists.

Sacha has to behave in the U.S.

Sacha Baron Cohen

To hear Sacha Baron Cohen, he has to tread lightly when in the U.S. or risk deportation. "There are towns in certain states that I can't shoot in. If I get arrested my visa could be taken away," he tells the Sunday Express in an interview, citing an incident filming Bruno in which a hotel manager called the police and Cohen escaped via a fire escape in high heels. But the trouble apparently began when he was making Borat years earlier: "They had so many complaints that there was a Middle Eastern man driving through America in an ice-cream van that the FBI assigned a team to us," Cohen says. But a rep for Cohen denies all the details his client mentioned.

Jim Carrey

Jim Carrey backs out of Dumb and Dumber 2

Jim Carrey won't be taking part in a Dumb and Dumber sequel after all, with his rep telling Entertainment Tonight that Carrey had become "increasingly frustrated" at Warner Bros. and New Line Cinema's delays in getting the project going.

"I would have thought Dumb and Dumber 2 was a no-brainer," Carrey says in a statement. "After all, it's implied in the title." Carrey and co-star Jeff Daniels were all set to return for the sequel, according to co-director Peter Farrelly.

The Word

Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Boredom blamed for Depp split

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Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis are staying quiet about their separation — meaning "inside sources" and "close friends" are extra busy.

According to one source, the reason the ultra-famous, continent-hopping couple broke up after 14 years is pretty much the same reason us mortals call it quits: boredom, with a side of sparkly things in the distance.

"He was bored senseless with her, being with Vanessa was making him miserable," a questionable friend tells Radar Online.

"The spark had gone, and there was nothing left. Johnny just wants more from life and believes Vanessa deserves to be happier too. He's not embroiled in some hot and heavy new romance and he has no plans to jump straight into something straight away, but he is keen to have some fun again."

If nothing else, the fun part seems to be true. After performing with the Black Keys at the MTV Movie Awards, Depp's been spotted out late in Hollywood with Marilyn Manson.

It's times like this we're glad we're not artistic millionaires. Can you imagine having to try new things and party with rock stars every time your life got boring? We can barely find motivation to juice the limes.

Today in the Kardashian saturation

Kim Kardashian thinks she found something special in current boyfriend Kanye West.

"It's very comforting to have someone that knows everything about you, that respects you, understands, has gone through the similar things," Kim tells Oprah in an interview airing Sunday on the OWN network. "I feel like I'm at a really happy, good space."

Kim, we know love — even your brand of it — can be blind, so listen very carefully: We all know everything about you. I spent more time at your wedding than I did at my own. This intimate, special connection you're feeling? Kanye, like the rest of us, probably just "lost" the remote one weekend.

Katy Perry

'I still believe in love and marriage': Katy Perry

Despite a heartbreaking divorce from Russell Brand after 14 months of marriage, Katy Perry is keeping positive.

"I still believe in love and marriage. I've just learned lessons along the way. I regret nothing," she tells the Hollywood Reporter. Still, it wasn't easy being on tour while her marriage was suddenly falling apart.

"What was going on in my personal life was so overwhelming that I had to bend over to let those tears fall straight out of my eye sockets and not my false lashes just as I'm about to go up on that ramp and sing Teenage Dream," she says.

"I had to smack myself across the face and say, 'These problems are my problems, they are not my audience's problems, learn to separate that.'"

Bieber tired of fans 'in his face'

Justin Bieber

Justin Bieber isn't always in the mood to indulge his adoring fans, as a group of them learned at the Toronto airport this week while Bieber waited for girlfriend Selena Gomez to arrive, according to Hollyscoop.

"Do I not have any right as a human being to sit and wait for my girlfriend?" he asked during a back-and-forth with some of the assembled fans demanding his attention, complaining that they'd been waiting all day to see him. "You say you're really my fans, why do you do this? I've had a long day too. I don't have to be nicer, you guys are in my face," Bieber replied.

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Dear Twitter Friends, I bought a 1940's toy telephone and this weekend I'm going to be making some calls. What are you up to this weekend?

@Rosie
I wanna host draw something - as a web game show

@jessicaalba
Mornin - heading to Austin for 24 hrs...

@pattonoswalt
Disturbing amount of pride being swallowed in 60's pop songs.

3 LIFE

Trends

Coast-to-coast grilling

The 23rd Weber Canadian Grill Watch Survey is giving insight into the habits, knowledge and trends of countrywide grillers.

- Nine out of 10 Canadians own a gas grill; 78 per cent own one grill, while almost 20 per cent own two.
- Men are the primary grillers (63 per cent).
- Hamburgers are the most-often grilled food item (56 per cent); steak is the all-time favourite food item (48 per cent).
- Men are more likely than women to add flavour with hot sauces or jalapenos.

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On the web

Book on managing diabetes fits well into any lifestyle as it promotes healthy eating

Liquid Assets

A wine to match those cool summer nights

LIQUID ASSETS
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I've never been much of a seasonal wine drinker. The thought of avoiding some bottles in favour of others because of the time of year has never made sense.

Sure, some wines have temperature issues. Now that summer has finally arrived, a heaping glass of full-bodied red can come across flabby and uninspired when it's hot.

I have to admit, though, summer is really the realm of whites: The kind of wines that refresh and thirst-quench without running amok all over your palate.

Some will suggest that a rich, dry Sauvignon Blanc is the king of summer. Others might choose an aromatic white like one made with Viognier or Chenin Blanc.

While all worthy contenders to the throne, riesling is my go-to warm weather white grape.

Schmitt Söhne's Fünf 5 Riesling ($9.95 - $13.99) is ripe and relaxed with apple-oriented fruit that's drinkable right out of its powder white bottle (OK, maybe with a straw).

The great thing about riesling is it's food friendly. It will help wash down everything from barbecue fare and seafood to more exotic menus inspired by Asia, India and, especially, Mexico.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

Flex your grilling muscles with grace

Grill treats, nom, nom, nom. SUBMITTED

Traditionally, summer is a time for men to show their alpha side by getting territorial over their barbecue cooking space while sporting a ridiculous apron. It's a primal thing: raw meat, fire gazing and alcohol.

Stereotypes aside, barbecuing is globally popular and perhaps one of the few occasions that you won't complain when you're presented with a charred carcass.

However, there are ways that we can improve. Yes, gentlemen, barbecuing is not an innate skill. Chef Ben Bartlett explains why there's more to the cuisine than plonking raw meat onto a scorching grill.

Bartlett says, "It's about the flavours from the wood, marinates and spices. Flavoured woods like cherry and apple or oak add a great smokey depth to meats."

There are also some really simple things that we can do to make sure that the meat is properly cooked. The chef suggests, "If you use coals, heap them up into a pyramid add fresh fuel to the edge and push inwards — it creates a really even cooking platform. Secondly wait till your wood or coal goes ashen grey to avoid flare-ups."

The U.K.-based BBQ supremo continues, "Take your meat out 30 minutes before you cook, so that it reaches room temperature — it'll cook more evenly this way. You want to achieve a core temperature of 75 F." METRO WORLD NEWS

Mexican. Margarita Sea Bass — as seen in Ben's Top 100 BBQ Recipes

Ingredients

- 8 sea bass fillets (100 g/4 oz each)
- 100 ml (3½ oz) white or gold tequila
- 120 ml (4 oz) Cointreau
- 150 ml (5 oz) fresh lime juice
- 1 tbsp salt
- 3 garlic cloves crushed
- 3 tsp vegetable oil
- Pinch of freshly ground black pepper

Inspired by the famous Mexican cocktail, this tequila-based marinade is a perfect partner for this celebrated fish.

1. Place the fish in a zip lock bag.
2. Combine the tequila, Cointreau, lime juice, salt, garlic and 2 teaspoons of oil and pour over the fish.
3. Marinate for 30 minutes at room temperature, turning occasionally.
4. Heat the grill to very hot.
5. Remove the sea bass and pat dry.
6. Brush lightly with 1 teaspoon of oil and grind some pepper over the surface of the fish.
7. Grill for 3 to 4 minutes per side.

The flavours of this recipe are inspired by Mexico. METRO WORLDS NEWS

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Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events courtesy of Notable.ca.
To get even more info on these Notable happenings make sure to check out notable.ca/nationwide/metro/june22

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Julian Brass, Founder of notable.ca, Canada's online source for young professionals

Sled Island: June 20 - 23

This Music and Arts Festival features over 200 bands and 30 venues throughout Calgary. With a goal to open up the downtown core and fill it with all sorts of music and people, it brings Calgarians and visitors together through a mutual appreciation of good, thoughtful, and fun music. Head down to Olympic Plaza Friday evening to catch a performance by Grammy-nominated and Juno award-winner Feist, who is headlining the festival.
sledisland.com

The Greek Festival: June 23 - 24

Do you love Greek culture and Greek food? Then check out The Annual Greek Festival taking place this weekend at the Hellenic Community Centre (1 Tamarac Cr. S.W). This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Hellenic culture in a fun atmosphere. Come together with friends and enjoy the music, dance, and authentic wine and food.
calgaryhellenic.com

Cyclepalooza: June 23 - July 2

Cyclepalooza, a community-driven, do-it-yourself bicyclefestival, will be taking place over the next ten days at various locations throughout Calgary. It will bring together people of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels who share a passion for cycling. Don't be shy — grab your wheels and take part in a variety of bike-related events. Check out their website for a full calendar of events.
cyclepalooza.ca/

Now Open: Caffe Rosso - Victoria Park

Local coffee house, Caffe Rosso, has just opened its third location in Victoria Park – 11th Ave. and Olympic Way S.E.. Serving a selection of the world's best coffee, they specialize in fine espresso drinks. They also offer baked goods and an assortment of lunch choices. We suggest trying one of their made-to-order paninis. Whether in for a quick lunch or to lounge, the friendly staff and comfortable decor will make you feel right at home. cafferosso.ca

Now Open: Olives

Olives has re-opened its doors in Calgary's Victoria Park, 11th Ave. and Olympic Way S.E., in the base of the Arriva Condominiums. Specializing in Mediterranean cuisine and utilizing local ingredients, Chef Kevin Cooper has developed a brand new menu that's sure to have your mouth watering. We suggest sharing several dishes from the tapas menu such as the eggplant Parmesan, and the bowl of cornichon and cipollini.
olivesrestaurant.ca

Runway Monthly: June 23

Calgary's fashion community continues to impress with the Runway Monthly June Event. Taking place at 7:00pm at The Bank (125 8th Ave. S.W.), it's the fashion addict's monthly fix. Get inspiration with four runway shows by Apiana Que, Chantel Traub featuring Nuage 9 Accessories, Cherry Chic, and Malika Rajani.
runwaymonthly.ca

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Interested individuals who possess the skills described above are requested to submit their resume and cover letter via email to hr@metronews.ca no later than June 29, 2012. PLEASE QUOTE: "Graphic Designer - Calgary" in the subject line. All submissions will be treated as confidential.

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SPORTS

Euro 2012

Ronaldo uses his head

Cristiano Ronaldo scored with a powerful header late in the match Thursday to send Portugal into the European Championship semifinals with a 1-0 victory over the Czech Republic. After Ronaldo hit the post twice, he headed a cross from Joao Moutinho past the flailing hands of Czech Republic goalkeeper Petr Cech.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the web

Edmonton-born Victor Cui is looking to grow MMA in Asia. Cui's organization is staging its fourth show in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Saturday and the former director of communications with the Royal Canadian Golf Association says he's never seen "this big of an opportunity" to grow a sport. Scan the code for the story.

A long-overdue rebuild isn't in the cards for the Flames

THE HOCKEY NEWS
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The Calgary Flames aren't likely to acquire the first-overall pick at the draft for Jay Bouwmeester.

BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Wouldn't it be nice if you read in this post the Flames traded Jay Bouwmeester and the 14th-overall pick in Friday's entry draft to Edmonton for the first-overall pick and the right to select Nail Yakupov?

Well, that didn't happen and nothing's going to make that happen, no matter how much we'd try to convince the Oilers J-Bo would get their defence going in the right direction.

So what are the Flames going to do at the draft, on the trade market and in the days leading up to free-agent season? GM Jay Feaster made it clear with the hiring of coach Bob Hartley that Calgary isn't going to trade off its most valuable assets in an attempt to instigate a long-overdue rebuild.

It's all about re-tooling. Letting a few UFAs and RFAs go, adding youth and skill in the form of internal promotions, and adding some free-agent specialists (faceoff ace, banger on the blue-line, Jaromir Jagr to team up with Roman Cervenka). In essence, the Flames will go into next season with the same core of veterans who failed to deliver the mail for Brent Sutter.

If it works for Hartley, Feaster will be lauded for realizing Sutter's inflexible systems weren't working with this group of veterans. If it doesn't work, Feaster will be criticized for dithering another season as Jarome Iginla and Miikka Kiprusoff push closer to 40 and wither away on the trading vine. I'm putting my money on the former.

The fact Los Angeles won the cup coming out of the eighth spot in the West is a positive for Calgary's re-tooling approach. A few more wins for the Flames last season and they would have made the playoffs ahead of L.A. So a lot depends on how the Flames embrace Hartley's puck-movement system. Can this team overcome being patsies in the faceoff circle and defensive corners?

In the meantime, the Flames will draft 14th overall. In a draft that's considered weaker than average, that means a prospect (either a defenceman or centre) who is two years away from prime-time NHL duty. The likely candidates who will still be around at No. 14 are centres Radek Faksa and Brendan Gaunce or rearguards Cody Ceci, Derrick Pouliot or Olli Maatta.

It wouldn't be a shock if the Flames traded down in the draft — late first round? — in order to get an additional pick or two in the second or third rounds.

Top prospect Yakupov weary of KHL question

Nail Yakupov speaks to the media Wednesday in Pittsburgh.

JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

The question comes up often in Nail Yakupov's meetings with NHL scouts and general managers. And even though the 18-year-old Russian is still learning English, he can't help but tense up the second he hears the letters "KHL."

The player projected to be the likely No. 1 pick when the NHL draft gets underway in Pittsburgh on Friday understands why he's continually asked how committed he is to playing in North America.

"In the draft they don't want to wonder if some player is going to KHL," Yakupov said. "They just want to (us to) play in NHL and work hard."

Yakupov is growing tired of repeating himself, but skepticism is part of the territory now that the once-fertile pipeline between Russia and the NHL has started to dry up. The big-time paydays — not to mention shorter schedule — of the Kontinental Hockey League has many Russian stars opting to stay home rather than lace up their skates halfway around the world.

Two other players with Russian ties — Alex Galchenyuk and Mikhail Grigorenko — are counted among the top forwards available. All three pose high-risk, high-reward scenarios.

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Quoted

"It's not my deal what teams think, if they don't trust me or not. I want to play in NHL."

Nail Yakupov

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LeBron James of the Miami Heat celebrates with the Larry O'Brien trophy after a 4-1 series victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder in the NBA finals Thursday in Miami. MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES

The King earns his ring as Heat win title

NBA. LeBron James records triple-double in championship clincher over the Thunder

The decision is final: LeBron James made the right call coming to Miami.

Finally an NBA champion, it's all worth it now.

James had 26 points, 11 rebounds and 13 assists, and got the kind of help that was worth leaving home for, leading the Heat in a 121-106 rout of the Oklahoma City Thunder on Thursday night to win the NBA finals in five games.

Best player in the game, best team in the league.

James has found it all since taking his talents to South Beach.

"It means everything," James said moments after the win. "I made a difficult decision to leave Cleveland but I understood what my future was about.... I knew we had a bright future (in Miami). This is a dream come true for me. This is definitely when it pays off."

Game 5	
121	106
Heat	Thunder

He left the game along with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh for good with 3:01 remaining for a round of hugs and the start of a celebration he's been waiting for since arriving in the NBA out of high school as the No. 1 pick of the 2003 draft.

James hopped up and down in the final minutes, shared a long hug with opponent Kevin Durant, and watched the confetti rain down from the rafters.

The Heat took control in the second quarter, briefly lost it and blew it open again in the third behind their role players, James content to pass to wide-open three-point shooters while the Thunder focused all their attention on him.

Bosh and Wade, the other members of the Big Three who sat alongside James as he promised titles at his Miami welcoming party two summers ago, both had strong games. Bosh, who broke down in tears as the Heat left their own court after losing Game 6 last year, finished with 24 points and Wade scored 20. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	41	27	.603	—
Baltimore	39	30	.565	2½
Tampa Bay	38	31	.551	3½
Boston	36	33	.522	5½
Toronto	35	34	.507	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	36	32	.529	—
Chicago	36	33	.522	½
Detroit	34	35	.493	2½
Kansas City	31	36	.463	4½
Minnesota	27	41	.397	9

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	43	27	.614	—
Los Angeles	38	32	.543	5
Oakland	34	36	.486	9
Seattle	30	41	.423	13½

INTERLEAGUE

Thursday's results
Boston 6 Miami 5
Detroit 2 St. Louis 1 (10 innings)
Oakland 4 L.A. Dodgers 1
Pittsburgh 9 Minnesota 1
Washington 5 Tampa Bay 2
Wednesday's results
Milwaukee 8 Toronto 3
Arizona 14 Seattle 10
Atlanta 10 N.Y. Yankees 5
Boston 15 Miami 5
Chicago White Sox 7 Chicago Cubs 0
Cleveland 8 Cincinnati 1
Kansas City 2 Houston 1
L.A. Angels 6 San Francisco 0
Minnesota 2 Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 4 Baltimore 4
Oakland 4 L.A. Dodgers 1
St. Louis 3 Detroit 1
Texas 4 San Diego 2
Washington 3 Tampa Bay 2
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Detroit (Fister 1-3) at Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Shields 7-4) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 3-5) at Baltimore (Hammel 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Jurrjens 0-2) at Boston (Lester 4-4), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Blackburn 3-4) at Cincinnati (Bailey 5-4), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 3-2) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (R.Romero 7-1) at Miami (A.Sanchez 3-5), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Jimenez 6-5) at Houston (Harrell 6-5), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Friedrich 4-3) at Texas (Oswalt 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Greinke 7-2) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 8-2), 8:10 p.m.
St. Louis (J.Kelly 0-0) at Kansas City (Mazzaro 3-1), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 4-5) at L.A. Angels (Haren 4-7), 10:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 2-8) at Oakland (J.Parker 3-3), 10:05 p.m.
Seattle (Millwood 3-5) at San Diego (Richard 4-7), 10:05 p.m.

MLB HOME RUN LEADERS

ADunn, Chicago White Sox, 23; Bautista, Toronto, 22; Hamilton, Texas, 22; Granderson, N.Y. Yankees, 21; Braun, Milwaukee, 20; Encarnacion, Toronto, 20; Beltran, St. Louis, 19; AdJones, Baltimore, 18; Ortiz, Boston, 18; CGonzalez, Colorado, 17.
Not including Thursday's games

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	40	27	.597	—
New York	38	32	.543	3½
Atlanta	37	32	.536	4
Miami	33	36	.478	8
Philadelphia	33	38	.465	9

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	38	30	.559	—
Pittsburgh	36	32	.529	2
St. Louis	35	35	.500	4
Milwaukee	32	37	.464	6½
Houston	28	41	.406	10½
Chicago	24	45	.348	14½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	42	28	.600	—
San Francisco	38	32	.543	4
Arizona	34	35	.493	7½
Colorado	26	42	.382	15
San Diego	24	46	.343	18

Thursday's result
Colorado 4 Philadelphia 1
Wednesday's result
Philadelphia 7 Colorado 6
Friday's game — All Times Eastern
Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 5-5) at Arizona (J.Saunders 4-5), 9:40 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

THE FINALS

(Best of 7)
OKLAHOMA CITY (W2) VS. MIAMI (E2)
(Miami wins series 4-1)
Thursday's result
Miami 121 Oklahoma City 106
Tuesday's result
Miami 104 Oklahoma City 98

MIAMI 121, THUNDER 106

OKLAHOMA CITY (106)
Durant 13-24 3-3 32, Ibaka 3-9 3-4 9, Perkins 1-4 0-0 2, Westbrook 4-20 11-13 19, Sefolosha 0-2 0-0 0, Harden 5-11 6-6 19, Collison 1-3 0-0 2, Fisher 4-7 0-0 11, Cook 1-2 0-0 2, Aldrich 1-1 0-0 2, Hayward 1-2 0-0 2, Ivey 2-2 0-0 6. Totals 36-87 23-26 106.
MIAMI (121)
James 9-19 8-9 26, Battier 4-8 0-0 11, Bosh 9-14 5-5 24, Chalmers 3-6 2-2 10, Wade 7-12 6-9 20, Miller 7-11 2-2 23, Haslem 0-1 1-2 1, Cole 1-4 0-0 3, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Howard 0-1 0-0 0, Turiaf 0-0 0-0 0, Harris 0-0 3-4 3. Totals 40-77 27-33 121.

Oklahoma City	26	23	22	35—106
Miami	31	28	36	26—121

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 11-28 (Fisher 3-6, Durant 3-6, Harden 3-8, Ivey 2-2, Sefolosha 0-1, Westbrook 0-5), Miami 14-26 (Miller 7-8, Battier 3-7, Chalmers 2-4, Bosh 1-1, Cole 1-2, Jones 0-1, James 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 49 (Durant 11), Miami 48 (James 11). Assists—Oklahoma City 19 (Westbrook 6), Miami 25 (James 13). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 29, Miami 21. Flagrant Fouls—Fisher. A—20,003 (19,600) at Miami.

RECENT CHAMPIONS

2011-12 — Miami Heat
2010-11 — Dallas Mavericks
2009-10 — Los Angeles Lakers
2008-09 — Los Angeles Lakers
2007-08 — Boston Celtics
2006-07 — San Antonio Spurs
2005-06 — Miami Heat
2004-05 — San Antonio Spurs
2003-04 — Detroit Pistons
2002-03 — San Antonio Spurs
2001-02 — Los Angeles Lakers
2000-01 — Los Angeles Lakers

CFL

PRE-SEASON

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Toronto	2	2	0	0	54	44	4
Hamilton	2	0	2	0	50	54	2
Winnipeg	2	1	1	0	47	36	2
Montreal	2	0	2	0	30	47	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	2	2	0	0	68	26	4
Calgary	1	1	0	0	20	17	0
Saskatchewan	1	0	1	0	10	44	0
Edmonton	2	0	2	0	33	44	0

WEEK TWO
Thursday's result
B.C. 24 Edmonton 16
Wednesday's result
Hamilton 26 Winnipeg 25
Tuesday's result
Toronto 25 Montreal 20
Friday's game — All Times Eastern
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 9 p.m.
END OF PRE-SEASON

NHL

2012 ENTRY DRAFT

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Tonight's first round
1. Edmonton Oilers; 2. Columbus Blue Jackets; **3. Montreal Canadiens**; 4. N.Y. Islanders; **5. Toronto Maple Leafs**; 6. Anaheim Ducks; 7. Minnesota Wild; 8. Carolina Hurricanes; **9. Winnipeg Jets**; 10. Tampa Bay Lightning.
11. Washington Capitals (from Colorado Avalanche); 12. Buffalo Sabres; 13. Dallas Stars; **14. Calgary Flames; 15. Ottawa Senators**; 16. Washington; 17. San Jose Sharks; 18. Chicago Blackhawks; 19. Tampa Bay (from Detroit Red Wings); 20. Philadelphia Flyers.
21. Buffalo Sabres (from Nashville); 22. Pittsburgh Penguins; 23. Florida Panthers; 24. Boston Bruins; 25. St. Louis Blues; **26. Vancouver Canucks**; 27. Phoenix Coyotes; 28. N.Y. Rangers; 29. New Jersey Devils; 30. Los Angeles Kings (optional to Columbus).

FINAL PROSPECT RANKINGS

The final rankings of prospects for the 2012 draft as released by the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau (with projected overall selection, name, position, team and league in parentheses):

NORTH AMERICAN SKATERS

1. Nail Yakupov, RW, Sarnia (OHL); 2. Ryan Murray, D, Everett (WHL); 3. Mikhail Grigorenko, C, Quebec (QMJHL); 4. Alex Galchenyuk, C, Sarnia (OHL); 5. Morgan Rielly, D, Moose Jaw (WHL); 6. Cody Ceci, D, Ottawa (OHL); 7. Radek Faksa, C, Kitchener (OHL); 8. Olli Maatta, D, London (OHL); 9. Jacob Trouba, D, U.S. Under-18 (USHL); 10. Griffin Reinhart, D, Edmonton (WHL).
11. Mathew Dumba, D, Red Deer (WHL); 12. Derrick Pouliot, D, Portland (WHL); 13. Brendan Gaunce, C, Belleville (OHL); 14. Colton Sissons, C, Kelowna (WHL); 15. Thomas Wilson, RW, Plymouth (OHL); 16. Matthew Finn, D, Guelph (OHL); 17. Stefan Matteau, C, U.S. Under-18 (USHL); 18. Zemgus Girgensons, C, Dubuque (USHL); 19. Brady Skjei, D, U.S. Under-18 (USHL); 20. Martin Frk, RW, Halifax (QMJHL).
21. Mike Winther, C, Prince Albert (WHL); 22. Phillip Giuseppe, LW, Univ. of Michigan (CCHA); 23. Slater Koekkoek, D, Peterborough (OHL); 24. Scott Kosmachuk, RW, Guelph (OHL); 25. Tanner Pearson, LW, Barrie (OHL); 26. Dalton Thrower, D, Saskatoon (WHL); 27. Cristoval Nieves, C, Kent School (U.S. high school, Conn.); 28. Scott Laughton, C, Oshawa (OHL); 29. Nicolas Kerdiles, LW, U.S. Under-18 (USHL); 30. Michael Matheson, D, Dubuque (USHL).

TENNIS

ATP-WTA AEGON INTERNATIONAL

At Eastbourne, England
Women
Singles — Quarter-finals
Marion Bartoli (4), France, def. Lucie Safarova (7), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2.
Angelique Kerber (5), Germany, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 6-2, 6-4.
Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 6-3, 7-5.
Tamira Paszek, Austria, def. Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 6-0, 6-4.

ATP-WTA UNICEF OPEN

At Den Bosch, Netherlands
Men
Singles — Quarter-finals
David Ferrer (1), Spain, def. Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 6-0, 6-1.
Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-4, 7-6 (6).
Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.
Benoit Paire, France, def. Tatsuma Ito, Japan, 6-3, 7-5.
Women
Singles — Quarter-finals
Nadia Petrova (8), Russia, def. Dominika Cibulkova (3), Slovakia, 6-2, 6-0.
Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, leads Roberta Vinci (6), Italy, 6-4, 6-5 (15-40) (suspended, rain).
Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Kim Clijsters, Belgium, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-3, 7-6 (7).

WIMBLEDON QUALIFYING

At Roehampton, England
Women
Singles — Qualifying Round
(winners advance to main draw)
Melinda Czink (1), Hungary, def. Marta Sirotkina, Russia, 6-3, 6-2.
Kristina Mladenovic, France, def. Misaki Doi (4), Japan, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Sandra Zaniewska, Poland, def. Sesil Karatantcheva (5), Kazakhstan, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.
Karolina Pliskova (9), Czech Republic, def. Yurika Sema, Japan, 6-4, 6-1.
CoCo Vandeweghe (14), U.S., def. Lara Arrubarrena-Vecin (11), Spain, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 7-5.
Mirjana Lucic (12), Croatia, def. Bibiane Schoofs (24), Netherlands, 7-5, 6-4.
Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, def. Claire Aurelle Feuerstein (13), France, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5.
Vesna Dolonc, Serbia, def. Valeria Savinykh (15), Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, def. Ekaterina Bychkova, Russia, 6-2, 6-3.
Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Irena Pavlovic, France, 6-3, 6-2.
Annika Beck, Germany, def. Petra Rampre, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-4.
Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Alexa Glatch, U.S., 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Doubles — Qualifying Round
(winners advance to main draw)
Darija Jurak, Croatia, and Katalin Marosi (1), Hungary, def. **Sharon Fichman, Toronto**, and Sesil Karatantcheva, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 6-4.
Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, and Valeria Savinykh, Russia, def. Karolina and Kristyna Pliskova (2), Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-5.
Lindsay Lee-Waters and Megan Moulton-Levy (3), U.S., def. Misaki Doi, Japan, and Olivia Rogowska, Australia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.
Vesna Dolonc, Serbia, and Olga Savchuk (4), Ukraine, def. Shuko Aoyama, Japan, and Maria Kondratieva (5), Russia, 6-1, 6-2.

GOLF

LPGA MANULIFE FINANCIAL CLASSIC

At Waterloo, Ont.
Par 71
Partial First Round
(play suspended due to lightning)

Sandra Changkija	63
Shanshan Feng	66
Suzanne Pettersen	67
Karin Sjodin	67
Angela Stanford	67
Lacey Agnew	67
Pat Hurst	68
Jodi Stewart	68
Katie Futcher	68
Mindy Kim	68
Laura Diaz	69
Inbee Park	69
Jacqui Concolino	69
Julieta Granada	70
Michelle Wie	70
Katherine Hull	70
Beatriz Recari	70
So Yeon Ryu	70
Taylor Coutu	70
Ilhee Lee	70
Hannah Yuh	70
Canadians	
Lorie Kane	**71**
Maude-Aimee LeBlanc	**73**
Stephanie Sherlock	**75**
Jennifer Kirby	**76**
Jessica Shepley	**76**
Samantha Richdale	**77**
Lindsey Smith	**80**

PGA TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

At Cromwell, Conn.
Par: 70 (35-35)
First Round

David Mathis	34-30—64
Nathan Green	34-31—65
Will Claxton	31-34—65
Fredrik Jacobson	31-34—65
Jerry Kelly	34-32—66
Gary Christian	33-33—66
Roland Thatcher	35-31—66
Tim Clark	33-33—66
Rocco Mediate	34-32—66
Webb Simpson	33-33—66
Bubba Watson	32-34—66
Chez Reavie	34-32—66
Tommy Gainey	35-31—66
Kevin Kisner	33-33—66
Brandt Jobe	35-32—67
Ken Duke	32-35—67
Chris DiMarco	34-33—67
Greg Chalmers	31-36—67
Charley Hoffman	34-33—67
Matt Kuchar	36-31—67
Roberto Castro	33-34—67
Brian Davis	33-34—67
Aaron Baddeley	33-34—67
Stephen Gangluff	31-36—67
Also	
Graham DeLaet	**32-36—68**
Matt McQuillan	**42-36—78**

NATIONWIDE WICHITA OPEN

At Wichita, Kan.
Par 72
First Round

Casey Wittenberg	31-32—63
Kevin Johnson	34-31—65
Jason Gore	34-31—65
Andrew Svoboda	33-33—66
Mathias Gronberg	33-33—66
Steve LeBrun	31-35—66
Fabian Gomez	32-34—66
Charles Warren	34-32—66
Matt Harmon	34-32—66
Andres Gonzales	33-33—66
Also	
Richard Scott	**37-31—68**
Bryan DeCorso	**34-34—68**
Ryan Yip	**35-34—69**
Brad Fritsch	**36-36—72**

SOCCER

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QUARTER-FINALS

All Times Eastern
Thursday's result
At Warsaw, Poland
Portugal 1 Czech Republic 0
Friday's game
At Gdansk, Poland
Germany vs. Greece, 2:45 p.m.
Saturday's game
At Kiev, Ukraine
Spain vs. France, 2:45 p.m.
Sunday's game
At Donetsk, Ukraine
Italy vs. England, 2:45 p.m.

SEMIFINALS

Wednesday, June 27
At Donetsk, Ukraine
Portugal vs. Spain/France winner, 2:45 p.m.
Thursday, June 28
At Warsaw, Poland
Germany/Greece vs. England/Italy winners, 2:45 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
D.C. United	16	9	4	3	29	19	30
Kansas City	14	9	3	2	20	11	29
New York	15	8	4	3	28	22	27
Chicago	14	6	5	3	18	18	21
Houston	14	5	4	5	18	19	20
Columbus	13	5	4	4	13	13	19
New England	14	5	7	2	18	18	17
Montreal	15	4	8	3	20	24	15
Philadelphia	12	2	8	2	8	15	8
Toronto	12	1	10	1	11	26	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

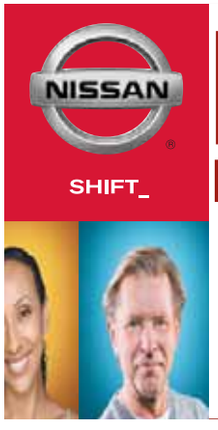
	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Real Salt Lake	16	10	4	2	27	17	32
San Jose	15	9	3	3	29	18	30
Vancouver	15	7	3	5	18	16	26
Seattle	15	7	4	4	18	14	25
Colorado	15	6	8	1	21	21	19
Chivas USA	15	5	7	3	11	18	18
Los Angeles	15	5	8	2	19	23	17
Portland	13	3	6	4	12	16	13
Dallas	16	3	9	4	16	26	13

Wednesday's results
Toronto 3 Houston 3
New York 1 Vancouver 1
Chivas USA 2 Montreal 1
Los Angeles 3 Real Salt Lake 2
San Jose 2 Colorado 1
Kansas City 1 Seattle 1
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
New England at Toronto, 5:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Houston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Chivas USA at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Seattle at Portland, 5 p.m.
D.C. United at New York, 7 p.m.

NASL

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Antonio	11	6	1	4	16	9	22
Puerto Rico	11	6	3	2	19	9	20
Minnesota	11	4	2	5	16	15	17
Fort Lauderdale	12	4	4	4	16	18	16
Tampa Bay	12	4	5	3	13	16	15
Carolina	12	3	4	5	20	20	14
Edmonton	11	3	6	2	11	11	11
Atlanta	12	1	6	5	11	24	8

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Edmonton at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Puerto Rico at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Fort Lauderdale at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.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20 Bonfire residue
23 Half (Pref.)
24 Rain in buckets
25 Best
28 Shade tree
29 Cove
30 Stolen
32 The great outdoors
34 Darling
35 N.Dak. neighbor
36 Horror-film villain
37 Past
40 Varnish ingredient
41 Laugh-a-minute
42 Phone-company employee
47 Desire
48 Break
49 Afternoon get-togethers
50 Dandy
51 Staircase component

Down
1 Sis' relative
2 Pout protruder
3 Candle count
4 Not so easy
5 Butterfly look-alike
6 Black bird
7 A striking figure?
8 Prey
9 Tend texts
10 Hockey score
11 Soothing additive
13 New Mexico art colony
19 Send forth
20 Gorilla
21 Unaccompanied
22 Camel feature
23 Bowler's problem
25 Occasionally
26 Throat-clearing sound
27 Silty soil
29 Part of the loop
31 Attempt
33 Overacts
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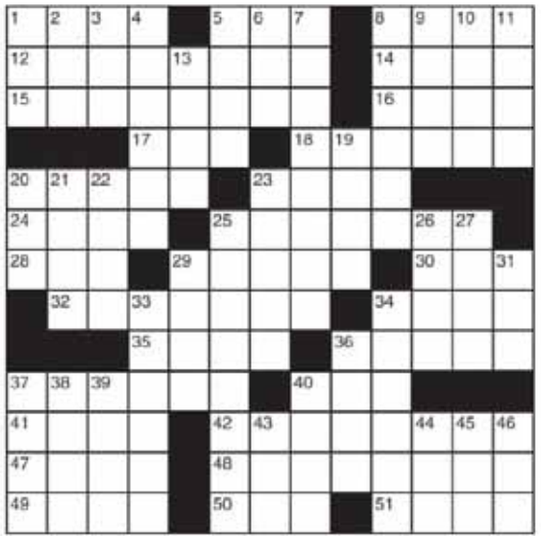
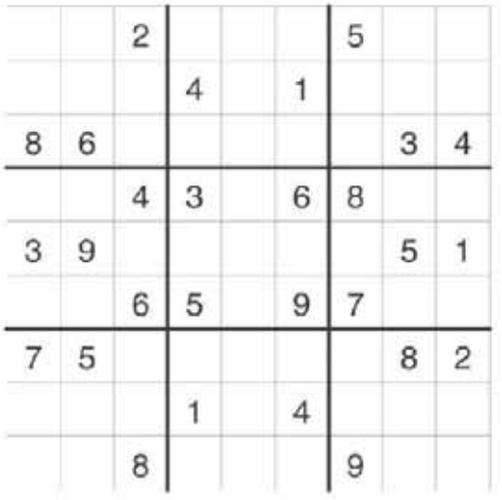
45 Raw rocks
46 Agent, for short

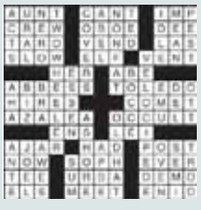




How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

T H T D N Y M N Q M U U A U
N G A S J J K M Y T Q P A H G C A A P O
A D M G A P B K N O , T U M I Y A Q
T J I A S C P G M N J B R M - A J B R A .

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IN A TELEMARKETING OFFICE, DO YOU SUPPOSE EMPLOYEES' CO-WORKERS ARE CONSIDERED CALL-LEAGUES?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals R

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Friends and work colleagues will ask for your opinions today, because they know you will tell them the truth. Don't be too brutal though.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Stick with what you know and trust. The planets warn that if you change, you will make a mistake and damage your reputation for efficiency.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. If you follow a hunch today, you will be delighted with the results. However, if someone else wants you to follow their hunches, you must decline.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Make your opinions known. Mercury in your sign gives you insights that other people do not possess, so speak up no matter how unpopular some of your ideas might be.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Something that just a few days ago seemed too much for you, will look remarkably easy today.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You've made enough concessions of late and now you must get tough with people who are abusing your generous nature.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. An issue you have been struggling with for several weeks will resolve itself today. Even so, you should give some thought as to why it took such a long time to be worked out.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Creative activities will work out well today, but they will work out even better if you bring people into your confidence and let them know what it is you are trying to accomplish.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Someone in a position of authority will give you the chance to prove yourself today and you must seize it with both hands.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. What happens today will answer at least some of the questions you have been asking in recent weeks.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You would like to go back and undo a mistake that had far-reaching consequences, but you know that's not possible. All you can do is learn from the situation.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You may not get along with a someone but you'll have to work closely with each other today. The planets indicate there is a karmic attachment between you. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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